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Grand Entrance of the Vienna Exposition Building.

Our accompanying illustration of the principal entrance of the Exposition building, at Vienna, now nearly completed, gives a very correct idea of the artistic taste displayed in the design of the structure.

There will be no greater novelty about the exhibition than its decoration. No paint will be used, but jute (naturally a drab-colored substance) will be stamped with gold, and colors of various hues, and in every description of pattern. In most parts of the building the jute will be left plain; then the columns will be draped in gold and blue, or gold and red, or gold and black; the walls will be hung in drab and gold, or blue and drab. The decorations belong throughout to the Florentine Renaissance period, the style of which displays the utmost gorgeousness and magnificence.

American Marine Engines.

Of late years the many improvements in engineering construction have enabled boilers to be so built that a higher pressure of steam can with safety be carried. The direct result is the revival of compound engines, whose principles enable high pressure steam to be used to the best effect, and obviate certain practical difficulties which otherwise would prevent sea-going steamers from employing the full benefits of the expansive properties of steam. The engines now being constructed at Messrs. John Roach & Son's works in this city, for the Tennessee, are designed to replace the former machinery, which while in the ship proved utterly insufficient to propel her at a maximum speed of over 10 knots per hour. The new machinery is of the compound type. Four steam cylinders, being placed horizontally on one side of the shaft, act through the medium of two connecting rods backward on the shaft. The two cylinders for the use of the high pressure steam are 40 inches in diameter and 40 inches stroke. Between these and the shaft are placed the two low pressure cylinders, 78 inches in diameter, with the same stroke as the smaller ones. Opposite these, but on the other side of the propeller shaft, is the surface condenser, a massive structure having almost 8000 tubes, 7 feet 9 inches long and $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch in diameter. There are 10 boilers, the last one being nearly finished. These are cylindrical, with flat ends, each boiler having two furnaces and 164 tubes, 7 feet 9 inches long by $\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter. The total length of each boiler is 10 feet 6 inches; diameter, 11 feet 6 inches. The total grate surface of the 10 boilers is 478 square feet, and the total heating surface is upward of 18,000 square feet. The iron comprising the shell of these boilers is $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in thickness. It is expected that these will supply steam of 65 pounds pressure, while the engine make 60 turns in a minute, driving a large composition four-bladed propeller weighing upward of 10 tons. The builders have guaranteed that the ship will make 14 knots per hour, and consume but 80 tons of coal per 24 hours. This, for a vessel 375 feet long, can be considered very satisfactory. The superintendent, Mr. Henry Levrat, is the designer, and prides himself, so far, upon having planned the largest compound engine ever built in this country. At first sight, if one were to criticise the machinery of the Tennessee, it might be supposed that the boilers were rather small for the engine, but practice will soon test the skill of the designer and make all criticism useless.

One of the new iron vessels of the Pacific Mail line of steamers is at the dock, receiving a single compound engine imported by the Company from England. The hull of the ship was built in Chester, and is the largest iron steamer ever built on this side of the Atlantic. The

Colon, the new boat of the Pacific Mail, is well worth seeing, and any skilled in such matters can examine thoroughly the English style of building machinery. It is refreshing for an American to contemplate the fact that we have not entirely lost the art of which once we were almost at the head, and that we can, in the face of all predictions to the contrary, construct iron vessels at a price not quite ruinous.

Efflorescence of Silver.

An interesting paper was lately read before

on the surface of the globules; and so characteristic that in most instances there is no difficulty in recognizing the mineral from the specialty of the crystalline silver and color of the globule in a minute's time. Only minerals rich in silver emit it, generally over thirty per cent., but not all. Antimony prevents the appearance of silver. So, for instance, margyrite would not show any silver until the antimony was driven out by longer blowing. Rapid cooling, by touching the globule with a needle or some other metallic instrument, increases or creates the efflorescence.

frigeration; forcibly cooled, it throws out silver, resembling silver drops that fall in a melted condition on a floor, assuming a flat shape.

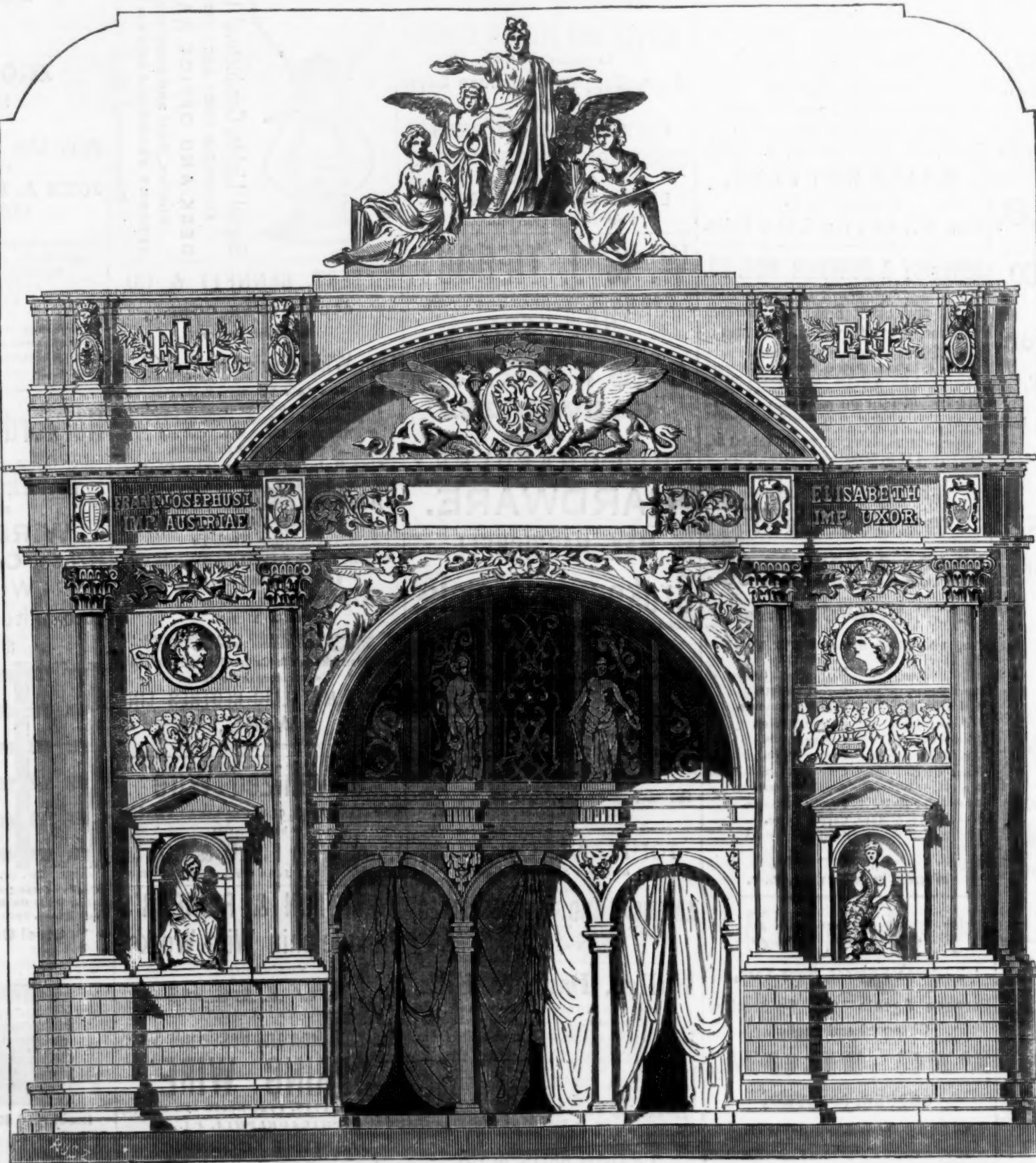
A Boston journal makes the following extraordinary suggestion: Town clocks are not noted for unanimity, and in a large city it is difficult to find two alike. Each church or tower has its own and keeps its own time. The expense of building and maintaining large town clocks is very great. Both the expense and uncertainty of time could be avoided by the use of electricity. In place of expensive clocks in every steepie,

Diversified Industry in Philadelphia.

The *Ledger*, of Philadelphia, says: The most apt, felicitous and suggestive incident of the grand Centennial demonstration on Saturday night, was the entree of Disston's sawmakers with their transparency, "1776, saws imported; none made here—1876, saws exported; Philadelphia beats the world." This typifies in compact form the hundred years of progress of this country in the arts of peace that benefit mankind. It was among the complaints of the colonists that they were not permitted to engage in the broad field of manufactures for which the country afforded so many resources. The owner of an iron ore bank could not lawfully fashion his iron into the implements he wanted to use or to sell. The iron had to go to England and come back in the shape of tools. The agriculturist could not lawfully make a hat from the fur taken from an animal caught on his own grounds. One of the early steam engines used for our water works was imported. Now, in how many of the useful products does this country, and even Philadelphia alone, "beat the world," as the sawmakers had it truly blazoned on their banner! Two other manufactures of tools in this city have a fame for the superiority of their implements wherever superior tools are used. The best telegraph "insulator" in use goes out from a quiet little factory in this city to France and England. The "American locomotive," scores of specimens of which go from here, bear off the palm everywhere. There is not an "artificial limb" made abroad that compares favorably at all points with those which go out from some of our unpretending workshops. The products of our tube works, both of iron and of lead, are the best of their kind; and so of light iron railings and ornamental gas fixtures. The New World gave to the Old World the most approved printing machine, without which the great journals of England, France and Germany would have been crippled for many years. Great Britain was plodding along with her old cumbersome printing type moulds long after the United States had offered her greatly superior apparatus, which would do double the work in half the time. We believe they are still making fish-hooks by hand in England, while we have mechanism which takes pieces of wire in its delicate fingers and turns out perfect hooks as fast as grain falls from a mill hopper. The "solid-head" pin machine, the "pointed wood screw" machine, the spike machine, and a long array of other machines, confront us for notice, marshalled by the sewing machines and reaping machines, and other agricultural harvesters, with axes, shovels and other implements that "beat the world," none of which were made here in 1776. But it would be idle to begin the long catalogue with any hope of getting through it within the brief dimensions of a newspaper paragraph.

If Disston's men had been hammer men, instead of saw makers, they could not have hit the nail fairer or squarer on the head.

The *Reading Times and Dispatch* says: Within the past few days the experiment of rolling cast steel ingots into finished rails has been tried with great success at the rolling mills of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. The steel was made at the Midvale Steel Works, near Philadelphia, by a process similar to the Siemens Martin, and cast into ingots of sections of about nine inches square, and furnished to the rolling mill to be heated and rolled into rails of the regular pattern, 68 lbs. per yard. The rolling was done on the rolls ordinarily worked for iron rails. In this case only twelve passes or grooves were used from the ingot to the rail, which has generally been deemed too rapid a reduction for the steel, and very severe on the machinery, and both were equal to the test.



GRAND ENTRANCE OF THE VIENNA EXPOSITION BUILDING.

the Microscopical Society of San Francisco, by Mr. G. Kustel, mining engineer and metallurgist, from which we take the following: There is a peculiarity observable in some silver minerals, principally of sulphurets, when small particles are melted into a globule on charcoal before the blow-pipe. After being melted to a perfectly spherical form, the blowing is stopped, and the globule will appear coated with crystalline metallic silver on cooling. The minerals exhibiting the phenomenon are the following: silver glance, selenide of silver, encalrite, stephanite, brittle silver ore (melanglance), margyrite, and rich fahlers. The petzite (from Melone's mine), although among the silver minerals, emits only the pure gold in shape of microscopical globules before the mineral melts. Under the microscope, the efflorescence of silver appears wonderfully beautiful, but the interesting part in it is that different minerals show a different aggregation of silver particles

The different appearances of the silver, as observed under the microscope, is about as follows: Silver glance shows isolated round flowers, like stars, often crowded together; silver-copper glance (stephanite), if very rich (fifty per cent. silver), exhibits almost the same characteristics; poorer specimens emit the silver in a shape resembling fine moss. Both minerals give dark, steel-blue globules. The last mineral, with copper largely prevalent, coats the globule with copper, which oxidizes on the surface, causing a dull, rough appearance. Melanglance gives a lead-gray, lustrous globule, showing, if cooled forcibly, from the touching point, long radial threads adhering to the surface of the globule. Selenide of silver makes long, beautiful crystalline leaves. Eucalrite (selenide of silver and copper) emits the silver in isolated, thick, upright threads, like the natural silver threads. Margyrite, after the antimony is blown off, displays brilliant, rainbow colors during re-

one small clock could move the hands on a hundred dials scattered over miles of territory, or, in fact, over a whole State. One good clock in a secure place could deliver every beat of its pendulum through wires to every clock in the town, and all would move absolutely together. Nothing would be needed in the towers but the dials, the hands and some simple machinery to move them under the electric influence from the central clock. Any one who could afford those could have a clock that would require no attention and be always right. The same wires that sound the fire alarm could be used, and the motive clock could be kept in the City Hall. The number of clocks could be enormously multiplied, and all could be maintained for less money than it now takes to keep the few uncertain clocks that we have in our cities in order.

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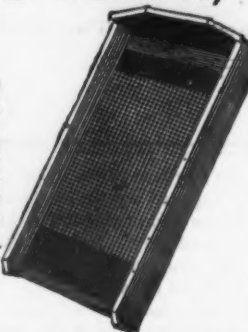
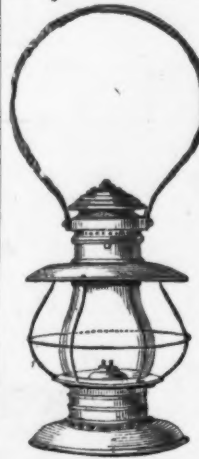
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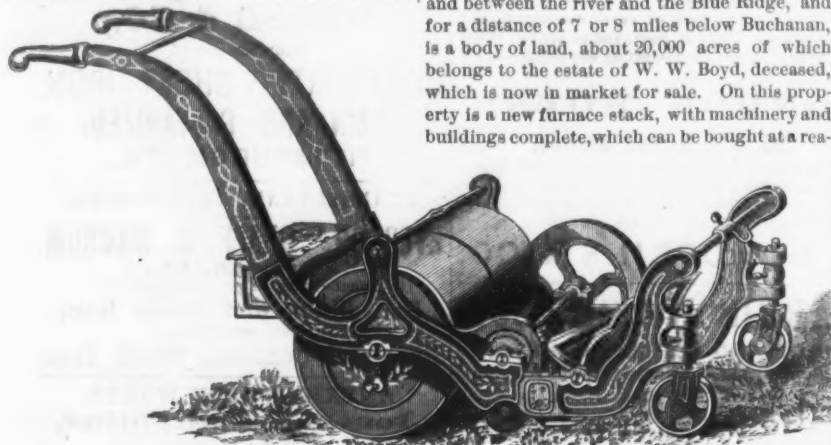
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Mr. Hill's improvements consist mainly in the substitution of velocity for weight or traction power, by which means less labor is required, while at the same time sufficient force is accumulated in the revolving cutter to enable the machine to pass easily over any ordinary obstructions with little inconvenience to the



HILL'S ARCHIMEDEAL LAWN MOWER.

operator. Although the principle of Mr. Hill's original machine has not been materially changed, great improvements have been made in the mechanical construction by the Hill's Archimedeal Lawn Mower Company, of Hartford, Conn.

It is claimed for this mower that it has a balanced frame, and that by means of its jointed or moveable handle it readily adapts itself to uneven surfaces, which the knife is prevented from striking by an adjustable shoe, which also regulates the height at which the grass is cut. By the use of emory the knives are put in order without being removed from their place, by simply raising the machine from the ground and reversing the motion. The gear-wheels are covered, thus preventing clogging by any foreign substance. On this machine is also used a solid revolving cutter with steel edges, for which is claimed ease of clearing itself, as well as strength and durability. These points, combined with good workmanship, render this one of the most desirable lawn mowers in the market.

They are manufacturing this year a small machine, cutting ten inches wide, for small lawns, cemetery lots, croquet grounds, and for gardens and grounds where there are shrubs or plants, it being furnished with a guard in front of the knife, which enables the grass to be cut close around the roots without injury to the plant.

Our illustration presents the pony and horse machines, which are similar in construction, and, it is believed, fully equal to their hand-machines, which are too well known in every section of the country to need any further recommendation.

Virginia Ores.

We have received from Mr. H. C. Snyder, of Buchanan, Va., an account of the ores of Allegheny and Botetourt counties, in that State. Mr. Snyder is a practical furnace builder and worker, and has for a number of years been a resident in the section of which he speaks. In view of the effort that is now being made to open the James River and Kanawha Canal, this region becomes important to Western furnace men. The vein of ore near Buchanan, Botetourt county, he writes us, "is not of recent discovery; a portion was opened some years ago, yet recent developments have established the fact that the extent in length is at least three miles, and the probability of its extending nine or ten miles: my own impression is that it does. My reason for this supposition is, that at the point (ten miles) is located the celebrated Retreat ore bank, now owned by Joseph H. Shultz & Co. This vein of ore is on the east slope of Purgatory Mountain; its course is northeast and southwest; it dips with the slope of the mountain at about 65 to 68 degrees; it is in a hard sandstone formation, and lies between a roof rock and a foot rock, and, so far as developed, the two rocks are about 25 to 35 feet apart. The solid part of the vein of ore, so far as developed, varies from three to eight or nine feet thick. The balance of the fissure is filled up with clay and ore. The natural drainage is, on an average, about 300 feet. The elevation above the James River is probably 400 to 450 feet. This ore is not a deposit from the surface, but has unquestionably been injected or forced up by some internal pressure, and caused, no doubt, by heat, as the rock in the vicinity bears unmistakable marks of heat. This being so, the probability is that the vein thickens with depth.

"The character of the ore is brown and red hematite; several fair samples have been assayed, and the analysis was in one case 62%, another 64, and another, of the best brown and red mixed, 68 per cent. From these analyses it will produce in the furnace about 50 per cent. of iron.

"Purgatory Mountain is not over, say, 3 miles, through from east to west, at what may be

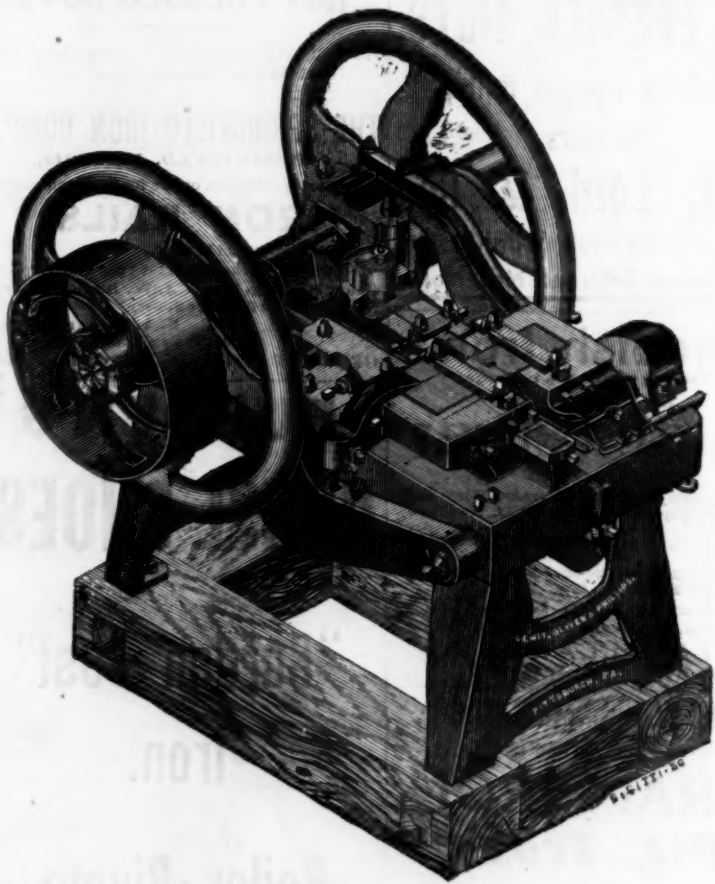
termed its base. And there is also a well defined vein of brown and yellow hematite ore in the whole length of the western slope, and this vein also extends from the point of the mountain at the James River to the Retreat ore bank. This is also being fully developed by Messrs. Shultz & Co., who own the property, and intend erecting a furnace this year. This company own very valuable ore lands both in this (Botetourt) county and Allegheny county, any of which is for sale.

"This point is situated at the present terminus of the James River and Kanawha Canal, 50 miles above Lynchburg, and 200 miles above Richmond. Freights about \$1.50 to \$1.75 per ton to Richmond. Tolls on iron ore, 38 cents per ton of 2000 lbs.

In connection with the above, I will state further that this section of the State has an abundance of iron ore of the best quality that is already developed, and unmistakable indications that the hundredth part has as yet not been developed. On the east side of the river, and between the river and the Blue Ridge, and for a distance of 7 or 8 miles below Buchanan, is a body of land, about 20,000 acres of which belongs to the estate of W. W. Boyd, deceased, which is now in market for sale. On this property is a new furnace stack, with machinery and buildings complete, which can be bought at a rea-

sonable price. The furnace was operated for a short time; has tolerably fair water power; and is a short half mile from the canal; has timber to operate a furnace (I might say) perpetually. The indications for ore on this property are very good."—*American Manufacturer.*

Lehigh Valley Notes.—The Allentown *Chronicle* says: The rolling mill interest of our valley appears just at present to be laboring under difficulties. It seems that while pig iron declined in price last fall only some \$7 per ton, bar iron declined over \$20 per ton, and now pig iron has advanced from \$3 to \$4, while bars have not advanced at all; in addition to this, about a year ago, the bar mills of the valley adopted the policy of paying their men on a basis governed by the selling price of manufactured iron. This has not been strictly adhered to, owing to the action of a Philadelphia mill; consequently the valley mills to-day are paying their labor on a basis of 4½ cents per pound, while they are selling their iron at from one to three-tenths of a cent per pound below this, so between the extreme price of pig iron and of labor, our rolling mills are ground between two



BOLT HEADER.

mill stones. So unremunerative has the business become, that we are informed that the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, who make more bar iron than all the Philadelphia mills combined, have already stopped work at their Fern Dale mill, and unless some change takes place in the cost of their materials, or an advance occurs in bar iron, this stoppage will be followed by the shutting down of their mills at Catasauqua and Allentown. We hope this may be averted, as the stoppage of these large works during this inclement season must carry distress into many a family.

"Tertiary" Coal of good quality and in paying quantities is being mined at Carbondale and at other points along the line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, in Osage County, Kansas. These coal beds lie from five to thirty feet below the surface, the veins having an average thickness of about eighteen inches.

Lewis, Oliver & Phillips' Patent Bolt Machine.

We present to our readers the accompanying illustrations of bolt machines made by Messrs. Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, of Pittsburgh, manufacturers of Iron Bolts and Heavy Hardware.

The first illustration represents the Bolt Header, consisting mainly of a cast iron body, fly wheels, lift, rocking and shear levers and the heading ram. The castings are well fitted up with gun-metal and steel, and the metal parts, subjected to friction, are chilled. The dies, made of steel, are so constructed and held in position as to admit of being dressed down a great number of times. The machine is free from cogs and springs, thus securing simplicity, strength, durability, compactness and regular motion. The pulley, driven by a six-inch belt, revolves the shaft, the cams on which drive forward the heading ram and raise and lower the levers. The side lever gives motion to the one containing the gripping die. The connection between the side and rocking levers is made by a ½-inch wrought iron pin, which is in reality the safeguard of the machine; for, if too large a bolt should be fed to the dies, this pin will bend before a casting breaks.

This machine makes all kinds of bolts and rivets, and heads from 3-16 to 1½ inch iron. A simple change of dies, occupying only five minutes, and which can be made by a boy, enables the operator to make either square, hexagon, T, oval, round, countersunk, or, in fact, any shaped head. And further, any length of bolt can be made without changing the dies.

With one boy heating and one heading, the machine makes in ten hours: 1800 to 2000 square head bolts 1 inch in diameter; 2000 to 2500, ¾ inch; 3000 to 3500, ½ inch; 4500 to 5000, ¼ inch; 5500 to 6000, ⅛ inch.

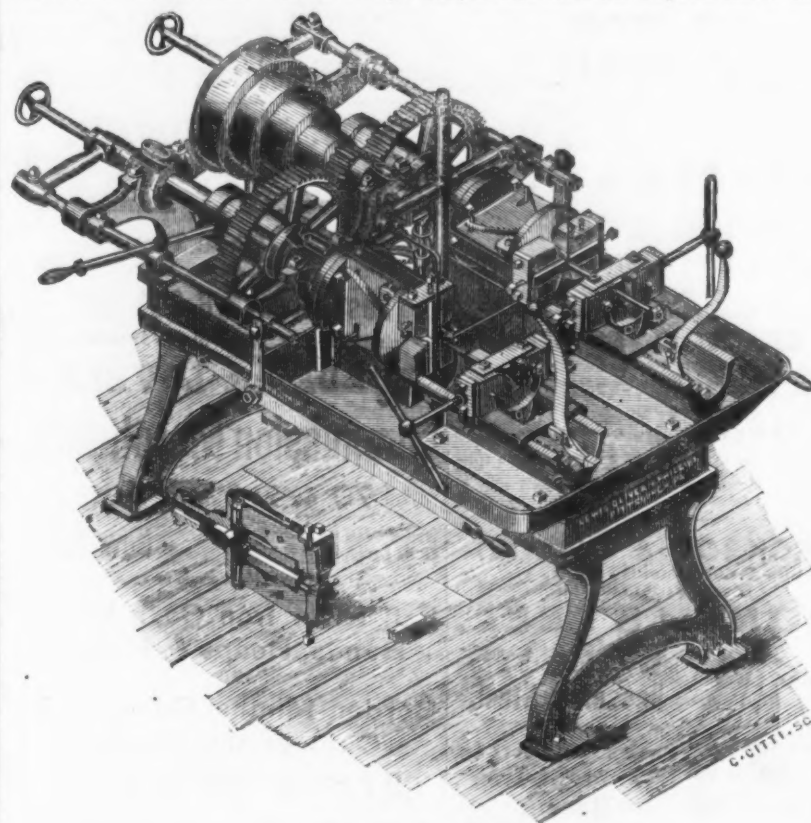
Square and hexagon heads are made in the same dies, and can be made alternately. In making track and splice-bar bolts, long rods are heated and fed. In this way from 6000 to 10,000 are made in ten hours.

For beauty of finish and symmetry of form, the work turned out by this machine is, we believe, unsurpassed by any in the world. A convenient and substantial furnace accompanies the machine.

Our next illustration represents their Double Self-acting Screw Cutter. A three-inch belt drives the cone pulley and shaft, by which motion is imparted to the cutting heads. These are made of wrought iron and contain the dies, which are made of the best quality of steel. The jaws work upon fulcrums a little beyond the center of the cutting head, and are closed by a conical wedge in rear, which is the nut for the shaft upon which the small wheels are seen in the rear part of the drawing. By turning this shaft it is made to project any desired length beyond the wedge. A bolt being cut advances until it meets the projecting shaft, which, together with the wedge, it forces back until the wedge is removed from between the jaws, when they are thrown open by the springs seen upon their exterior. The jaws, after being closed by the lever seen on the side, are ready for another

from time to time; and we are informed that, so high is the favor with which they are regarded, that more than three-fourths of the car shops and most of the leading railroads in this country and Canada are using them.

Messrs. Lewis, Oliver & Phillips employ at their rolling mills and their bolt factory, foundry and machine shops nearly 3000 workmen. In addition to being the largest bolt manufacturers in the country, they make all kinds of Merchant Bar and Bundle Iron, Strap and T, Screw and Strap, Screw-Hook and Eye Hinges, Bridge and Roof Bolts, patent head and plain Harrow Teeth, and their new line of Patented Wagon Hardware, which has been illustrated in the columns of *The Iron Age*.



DOUBLE SCREW CUTTER.

They also pay particular attention to rolling peculiar and odd shapes of iron. Their capacity is over 30,000 tons iron and 10,000 tons Bolts, Nuts, Washers, Hinges, Wagon Hardware, etc., per annum. They are represented in New York by Mr. H. B. Newhall, 11 Warren street.

The following, which we find in the *Baltimore Sun*, will be interesting to travelers by rail, who are compelled to put up with such accommodations as are usually furnished them:

"An elegant 'palace car' has just been completed at the Mount Clare Works of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, designed as a coach of state for the use of the president and directors of the road. The establishment is one of the most elegant jobs ever turned out in Baltimore, reflecting great credit upon the skill and workmanship of our artisans. The car is to bear the name of 'Maryland.' It is painted a beautiful buff color, is mounted on improved six-wheel trucks, and is provided with patent bumpers, patent air-brakes and other inventions calculated to make traveling less tedious, and more safe than ever. The interior is divided into four apartments—the first a sitting room, in black walnut and birdseye maple, gilded, with green and crimson upholstery, a rich velvet carpet, luxurious furniture, lounges and armchairs, and other suitable articles. The second compartment is fitted up for a bed-chamber, containing a handsome low headstead of oiled maple, richly carved, hung with heavy damask curtains; a lounge covered with salmon-colored silk, figured; a dressing case of exquisite workmanship. Adjoining the chamber is a bathroom, and beyond is the dining-room, arranged to accommodate, if desired, ten or twelve diners. The tables and chairs are stationary, finished in black walnut. The kitchen, one of the most important features of any establishment, occupies the rear end of the car, and is complete in its arrangements for cooking, with range and water-tanks, utensils, &c. The car throughout is of maple and walnut finish, gilded and carved, with plate glass and splendid argand lamps, the whole costing, it is estimated, upward of \$45,000—a model and a marvel of splendor and elegance of workmanship."

The *London Railway News* says: "The novelty of a miniature locomotive engine and carriages running upon a miniature railway, with a gauge of only 18 inches, and doing good service, can now be seen in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. The rail which at present extends only from the west wharf to the back of the shell foundry, is composed of iron plates cast in the royal laboratory, each of the plates being six feet long and weighing 3½ cwt. They are laid simply on a bed of concrete, keyed together to preserve their position, and the line appears firm and durable, without the aid of sleepers or bolts, such as are employed in the construction of ordinary railways. It was designed and carried out by Col. Scratchley, Royal Engineer, Inspector of Works at the Arsenal. The locomotive, a little engine called the Lord Raglan, draws a number of trucks, laden with about twenty tons of metal, and turns some sharp curves with the utmost ease. It is proposed to extend the line throughout the Arsenal, and supersede as far as possible the transit of heavy loads by contract horses."

It is stated that 104 patents have been granted in this country upon car axles and wheels having the idea in view, of making car wheels to run independently, as in turning a curve,

The Iron Deposits at Ottawa, Canada.

A correspondent says: At a time when iron, one of the greatest agents in promoting our modern civilization, has advanced enormously in price, it may be well to direct attention to the capability of our own country to take its place among the great iron producing nations of the world. It is true that the Ottawa country is destitute of coal, and so far as its own chief resources can contribute each to the other's development, must rely upon charcoal for smelting purpose. Our unsurpassed water communications, however, will enable the ironmaster to import American anthracite, or Nova Scotia coal, at rates which will empower him to com-

pete, in the present state of the iron market, with any foreign or British manufacturer. Within an hour's drive, six miles from the city of Ottawa, are situated the largest of the yet discovered iron deposits in Canada. They are situated in the township of Hull, and only two and a half miles from navigable water, on the Gatineau River, one of the northern tributaries of the Ottawa. These mines extend over a tract running through a low spur of the Laurentian Hills, varying in height from 100 to 150 feet above the plateau at the base of the range. The geological features indicate volcanic action, the ore appearing to have been thrust through the rock in several places. The ore is magnetic, generally black, but in places colored red by an admixture of hematite. Examinations of the properties of these ores have been made at various times by Sir Wm. Logan, Mr. Billings, of the Geological Survey, Professor Herring, from the United States, and many other gentlemen of eminence in geological and mineralogical science. The estimates of the quantity of ore in these mines has varied considerably, from as high as 250,000,000 down to 20,000,000 tons. Later developments show that the latter figure is far too low, while the greater quantity estimated will probably prove to have been not much exaggerated. At the present moment about 200 tons per day are extracted and transported to a point on the Gatineau River, whence the ore will, on the opening of navigation, be shipped via the Rideau Canal to Cleveland, Ohio. An attempt was made in 1867 by a company to manufacture from the ore on the spot, but from various causes they were unable to produce at a price low enough to compete with Scotch iron in the Montreal market, some brands of which were brought out as ballast and sold for \$18 to \$20 a ton. After two years' experience, which it is to be feared was dearly purchased, the company ceased operations and the property fell into the hands of its present proprietors, who so far have confined themselves to the production and export of the raw material.

The deposit of ore which promises to be next in importance in the vicinity of Ottawa, is one in the township of Templeton, now undergoing development. It is well situated for mining, and but five miles distant from a shipping point, also on the Gatineau River. It is confidently anticipated that this will prove an extensive deposit, and be a rival to the Hull ores, if not in quantity certainly in quality. Another deposit of iron in the neighborhood of the Grenville Canal, on the north shore of the Ottawa, is also attracting notice. It is about four and a half miles from the Ottawa River, and is being developed by its proprietors. To enable the reader to judge of the relative qualities of these ores, it will be necessary merely to place their analyses side by side with that of one of the best Swedish ores, the Dannemora:

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Peroxide of Iron....	77.55	66.30	90.87	75.20
Protoxide of Iron....	88.98	17.78
Oxide of Manganese....	10	35	trace.
Lime, Silicate.....	78	76	.....	.....
Magnesia do.....	61	45	08	1.94
Lime, Carbonate.....	.....	2.66	13	8.04
Silica.....	14.64	10.44	1.94	12.70
Graphite.....	.....	71	.....	.....
Phosphorus.....	trace.	015	06	13
Sulphur.....	04	28	02	trace.
Alumina.....	29	49	72
Carbonic Acid.....	12	3.84
Titanic Acid.....	1.09	1.90
Water, &c.....	11
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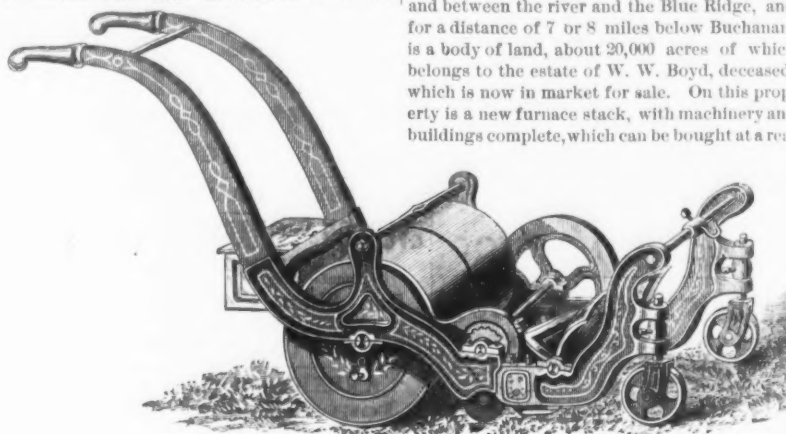
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While lawn mowers are acknowledged to be of foreign origin, the improvements which have been made in them in our own country are highly creditable to American genius. The principle of cutting grass by the use of a stationary and a revolving knife has long been employed in the manufacture of these machines, both in Europe and in this country; but it was not until about the year 1868 that they were so constructed as to be of much practical value as hand machines, as they were both too heavy to be easily operated by one man, and also too high-priced to be generally used for small lawns or garden plots.

Mr. Hill's improvements consist mainly in the substitution of velocity for weight or traction power, by which means less labor is required, while at the same time sufficient force is accumulated in the revolving cutter to enable the machine to pass easily over any ordinary obstructions with little inconvenience to the



HILL'S ARCHIMEDEAN LAWN MOWER.

operator. Although the principle of Mr. Hill's original machine has not been materially changed, great improvements have been made in the mechanical construction by the Hill's Archimedean Lawn Mower Company, of Hartford, Conn.

It is claimed for this mower that it has a balanced frame, and that by means of its jointed or moveable handle it readily adapts itself to uneven surfaces, which the knife is prevented from striking by an adjustable shoe, which also regulates the height at which the grass is cut. By the use of emory the knives are put in order without being removed from their place, by simply raising the machine from the ground and reversing the motion. The gear-wheels are covered, thus preventing clogging by any foreign substance. On this machine is also used a solid revolving cutter with steel edges, for which is claimed ease of clearing itself, as well as strength and durability. These points, combined with good workmanship, render this one of the most desirable lawn mowers in the market.

They are manufacturing this year a small machine, cutting ten inches wide, for small lawns, cemetery lots, croquet grounds, and for gardens and grounds where there are shrubs or plants, it being furnished with a guard in front of the knife, which enables the grass to be cut close around the roots without injury to the plant.

Our illustration presents the pony and horse machines, which are similar in construction, and, it is believed, fully equal to their hand-machines, which are too well known in every section of the country to need any further recommendation.

Virginia Ores.

We have received from Mr. H. C. Snyder, of Buchanan, Va., an account of the ores of Allegheny and Botetourt counties, in that State. Mr. Snyder is a practical furnace builder and worker, and has for a number of years been a resident in the section of which he speaks. In view of the effort that is now being made to open the James River and Kanawha Canal, this region becomes important to Western furnace men. The vein of ore near Buchanan, Botetourt county, he writes us, "is not of recent discovery; a portion was opened some years ago, yet recent developments have established the fact that the extent in length is at least three miles, and the probability of its extending nine or ten miles: my own impression is that it does. My reason for this supposition is, that at the point (ten miles) is located the celebrated Retreat ore bank, now owned by Joseph H. Shultz & Co. This vein of ore is on the east slope of Purgatory Mountain; its course is northeast and southwest; it dips with the slope of the mountain at about 65 to 68 degrees; it is in a hard sandstone formation, and lies between a roof rock and a foot rock, and, so far as developed, the two rocks are about 25 feet apart. The solid part of the vein of ore, so far as developed, varies from three to eight or nine feet thick. The balance of the fissure is filled up with clay and ore. The natural drainage is, on an average, about 300 feet. The elevation above the James River is probably 400 to 450 feet. This ore is not a deposit from the surface, but has unquestionably been injected or forced up by some internal pressure, and caused, no doubt, by heat, as the rock in the vicinity bears unmistakable marks of heat. This being so, the probability is that the vein thickens with depth.

"The character of the ore is brown and red hematite; several fair samples have been assayed, and the analysis was in one case 63%, another 64, and another, of the best brown and red mixed, 68 per cent. From these analyses it will produce in the furnace about 50 per cent. of iron.

"Purgatory Mountain is not over, say, 1/2 miles, through from east to west, at what may be

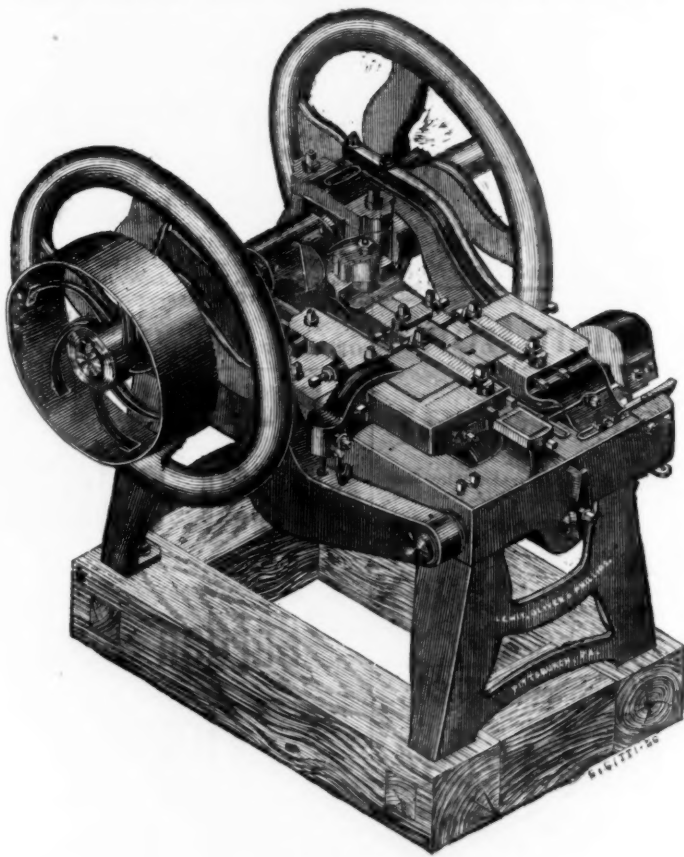
termed its base. And there is also a well defined vein of brown and yellow hematite ore in the whole length of the western slope, and this vein also extends from the point of the mountain at the James River to the Retreat ore bank. This is also being fully developed by Messrs. Shultz & Co., who own the property, and intend erecting a furnace this year. This company own very valuable ore lands both in this (Botetourt) county and Allegheny county, any of which is for sale.

"This point is situated at the present terminus of the James River and Kanawha Canal, 50 miles above Lynchburg, and 200 miles above Richmond. Freight about \$1.50 to \$1.75 per ton to Richmond. Tolls on iron ore, 38 cents per ton of 2000 lbs.

In connection with the above, I will state further that this section of the State has an abundance of iron ore of the best quality that is already developed, and unmistakable indications that the hundredth part has as yet not been developed. On the east side of the river, and between the river and the Blue Ridge, and for a distance of 7 or 8 miles below Buchanan, is a body of land, about 20,000 acres of which belongs to the estate of W. W. Boyd, deceased, which is now in market for sale. On this property is a new furnace stack, with machinery and buildings complete, which can be bought at a rea-

sonable price. The furnace was operated for a short time; has tolerably fair water power; and is a short half mile from the canal; has timber to operate a furnace (I might say) perpetually. The indications for ore on this property are very good."—*American Manufacturer*.

Lehigh Valley Notes.—The Allentown *Chronicle* says: The rolling mill interest of our valley appears just at present to be laboring under difficulties. It seems that while pig iron declined in price last fall only some \$7 per ton, bar iron declined over \$20 per ton, and now pig iron has advanced from \$3 to \$4, while bars have not advanced at all; in addition to this, about a year ago, the bar mills of the valley adopted the policy of paying their men on a basis governed by the selling price of manufactured iron. This has not been strictly adhered to, owing to the action of a Philadelphia mill; consequently the valley mills to-day are paying their labor on a basis of 4 1/2 cents per pound, while they are selling their iron at from one to three-tenths of a cent per pound below this, so between the extreme price of pig iron and of labor, our rolling mills are ground between two



BOLT HEADER.

mill stones. So unremunerative has the business become, that we are informed that the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company, who make more bar iron than all the Philadelphia mills combined, have already stopped work at their Fern Dale mill, and unless some change takes place in the cost of their materials, or an advance occurs in bar iron, this stoppage will be followed by the shutting down of their mills at Catasauqua and Allentown. We hope this may be averted, as the stoppage of these large works during this inclement season must carry distress into many a family.

"Tertiary" Coal of good quality and in paying quantities is being mined at Carbondale and at other points along the line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, in Osage County, Kansas. These coal beds lie from five to thirty feet below the surface, the veins having an average thickness of about eighteen inches.

Lewis, Oliver & Phillips' Patent Bolt Machine.

We present to our readers the accompanying illustrations of bolt machines made by Messrs. Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, of Pittsburgh, manufacturers of Iron Bolts and Heavy Hardware.

The first illustration represents the Bolt Header, consisting mainly of a cast iron body, fly wheels, lift, rocking and shear levers and the heading ram. The castings are well fitted up with gun-metal and steel, and the metal parts, subjected to friction, are chilled. The dies, made of steel, are so constructed and held in position as to admit of being dressed down a great number of times. The machine is free from cogs and springs, thus securing simplicity, strength, durability, compactness and regular motion. The pulley, driven by a six-inch belt, revolves the shaft, the cams on which drive forward the heading ram and raise and lower the levers. The side lever gives motion to the one containing the gripping die. The connection between the side and rocking levers is made by a 3/4-inch wrought iron pin, which is in reality the safeguard of the machine; for, if too large a bolt should be fed to the dies, this pin will bend before a casting breaks.

This machine makes all kinds of bolts and rivets, and heads from 3-16 to 1 1/4 inch iron. A simple change of dies, occupying only five minutes, and which can be made by a boy, enables the operator to make either square, hexagon, T, oval, round, countersunk, or, in fact, any shaped head. And further, any length of bolt can be made without changing the dies.

With one boy heating and one heading, the machine makes in ten hours: 1800 to 2000 square head bolts 1 inch in diameter; 2000 to 2500, 3/4 inch; 3000 to 3500, 5/8 inch; 4500 to 5000, 1/2 inch; 5500 to 6000, 3/8 inch.

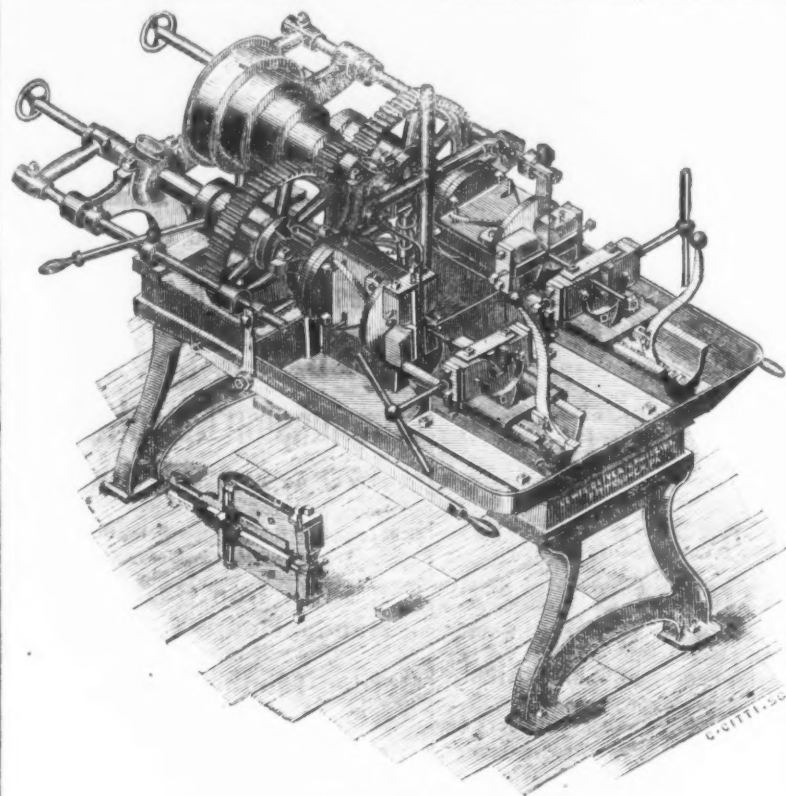
Square and hexagon heads are made in the same dies, and can be made alternately. In making track and splice-bar bolts, long rods are heated and fed. In this way from 6000 to 10,000 are made in ten hours.

For beauty of finish and symmetry of form, the work turned out by this machine is, we believe, unsurpassed by any in the world. A convenient and substantial furnace accompanies the machine.

Our next illustration represents their Double Self-acting Screw Cutter. A three-inch belt drives the cone pulley and shaft, by which motion is imparted to the cutting heads. These are made of wrought iron and contain the dies, which are made of the best quality of steel. The jaws work upon fulcrums a little beyond the center of the cutting head, and are closed by a conical wedge in rear, which is the nut for the shaft upon which the small wheels are seen in the rear part of the drawing. By turning this shaft it is made to project any desired length beyond the wedge. A bolt being cut advances until it meets the projecting shaft, which, together with the wedge, it forces back until the wedge is removed from between the jaws, when they are thrown open by the springs seen upon their exterior. The jaws, after being closed by the lever seen on the side, are ready for another

from time to time; and we are informed that, so high is the favor with which they are regarded, that more than three-fourths of the car shops and most of the leading railroads in this country and Canada are using them.

Messrs. Lewis, Oliver & Phillips employ at their rolling mills and their bolt factory, foundry and machine shops nearly 3000 workmen. In addition to being the largest bolt manufacturers in the country, they make all kinds of Merchant Bar and Bundle Iron, Strap and T, Screw and Strap, Screw-Hook and Eye Hinges, Bridge and Roof Bolts, patent headed and plain Harrow Teeth, and their new line of Patented Wagon Hardware, which has been illustrated in the columns of *The Iron Age*.



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The following, which we find in the *Baltimore Sun*, will be interesting to travelers by rail, who are compelled to put up with such accommodations as are usually furnished them:

"An elegant 'palace car' has just been completed at the Mount Clare Works of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, designed as a coach of state for the use of the president and directors of the road. The establishment is one of the most elegant jobs ever turned out in Baltimore, reflecting great credit upon the skill and workmanship of our artisans. The car is to bear the name of 'Maryland.' It is painted a beautiful buff color, is mounted on improved six-wheel trucks, and is provided with patent bumpers, patent air-brakes and other inventions calculated to make traveling less tedious, and more safe than ever. The interior is divided into four apartments—the first a sitting room, in black walnut and birdseye maple, gilded, with green and crimson upholstery, a rich velvet carpet, luxurious furniture, lounges and arm-chairs, and other suitable articles. The second compartment is fitted up for a bed-chamber, containing a handsome low headstead of oiled maple, richly carved, hung with heavy damask curtains; a lounge covered with salmon-colored silk, a dressing case of exquisite workmanship. Adjoining the chamber is a bathroom, and beyond is the dining-room, arranged to accommodate, if desired, ten or twelve diners. The tables and chairs are stationary, finished in black walnut. The kitchen, one of the most important features of any establishment, occupies the rear end of the car, and is complete in its arrangements for cooking, with range and water-tanks, utensils, &c. The car throughout is of maple and walnut finish, gilded and carved, with plate glass and splendid argand lamps, the whole costing, it is estimated, upward of \$45,000—a model and a marvel of splendor and elegance of workmanship."

The *London Railway News* says: "The novelty of a miniature locomotive engine and carriages running upon a miniature railway, with a gauge of only 18 inches, and doing good service, can now be seen in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. The rail which at present extends only from the west wharf to the back of the shell foundry, is composed of iron plates cast in the royal laboratory, each of the plates being six feet long and weighing 3 1/2 cwt. They are laid simply on a bed of concrete, keyed together to preserve their position, and the line appears firm and durable, without the aid of sleepers or bolts, such as are employed in the construction of ordinary railways. It was designed and carried out by Col. Scratchley, Royal Engineers, Inspector of Works at the Arsenal. The locomotive, a little engine called the Lord Raglan, draws a number of trucks, laden with about twenty tons of metal, and turns some sharp curves with the utmost ease. It is proposed to extend the line throughout the Arsenal, and supersede as far as possible the transit of heavy loads by contract horses."

It is stated that 104 patents have been granted in this country upon car axles and wheels having the idea in view, of making car wheels to run independently, as in turning a curve,

The Iron Deposits at Ottawa, Canada.

A correspondent says: At a time when iron, one of the greatest agents in promoting our modern civilization, has advanced enormously in price, it may be well to direct attention to the capability of our own country to take its place among the great iron producing nations of the world. It is true that the Ottawa country is destitute of coal, and so far as its own chief resources can contribute each to the other's development, must rely upon charcoal for smelting purpose. Our unsurpassed water communications, however, will enable the ironmaster to import American anthracite, or Nova Scotia coal, at rates which will empower him to com-

pete, in the present state of the iron market, with any foreign or British manufacturer. Within an hour's drive, six miles from the city of Ottawa, are situated the largest of the yet discovered iron deposits in Canada. They are situated in the township of Hull, and only two and a half miles from navigable water, on the Gatineau River, one of the northern tributaries of the Ottawa. These mines extend over a tract running through a low spur of the Laurentian Hills, varying in height from 100 to 150 feet above the plateau at the base of the range. The geological features indicate volcanic action, the ore appearing to have been thrust through the rock in several places. The ore is magnetic, generally black, but in places colored red by an admixture of hematite. Examinations of the properties of these ores have been made at various times by Sir Wm. Logan, Mr. Billings, of the Geological Survey, Professor Herring, from the United States, and many other gentlemen of eminence in geological and mineralogical science. The estimates of the quantity of ore in these mines has varied considerably, from as high as 250,000,000 down to 20,000,000 tons. Later developments show that the latter figure is far too low, while the greater quantity estimated will probably prove to have been not much exaggerated. At the present moment about 200 tons per day are extracted and transported to a point on the Gatineau River, whence the ore will, on the opening of navigation, be shipped via the Rideau Canal to Cleveland, Ohio. An attempt was made in 1867 by a company to manufacture from the ore on the spot, but from various causes they were unable to produce at a price low enough to compete with Scotch iron in the Montreal market, some brands of which were brought out as ballast and sold for \$18 to \$20 a ton. After two years' experience, which it is to be feared was dearly purchased, the company ceased operations and the property fell into the hands of its present proprietors, who so far have confined themselves to the production and export of the raw material.

The deposit of ore which promises to be next in importance in the vicinity of Ottawa, is one in the township of Templeton, now undergoing development. It is well situated for mining, and but five miles distant from a shipping point, also on the Gatineau River. It is confidently anticipated that this will prove an extensive deposit, and be a rival to the Hull ores, if not in quantity certainly in quality. Another deposit of iron in the neighborhood of the Grenville Canal, on the north shore of the Ottawa, is also attracting notice. It is about four and a half miles from the Ottawa River, and is being developed by its proprietors. To enable the reader to judge of the relative qualities of these ores, it will be necessary merely to place their analyses side by side with that of one of the best Swedish ores, the Dannemora:

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Oxide of Manganese	58.93	17.78		trace.
Lime, Silicate	10	25		
Magnesia do.	38	76		
Lime, Carbonate	91	45	68	134
Silica	2.66	73		8.94
Graphite	12.54	10.44	1.34	12.70
Phosphorus		71		
Sulphur	trace.	0.15		13
Alumina	94	28	92	trace.
Carbonic Acid	29	49		72
Titanic Acid	12		3.84	
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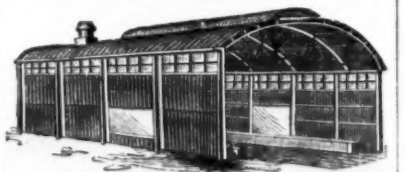
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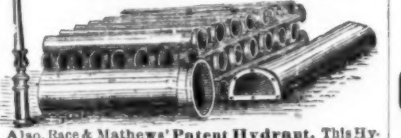
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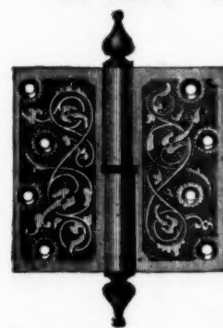
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Steam Boiler Explosions.

Mr. Carlisle Mason, of Chicago, has sent to the Supervising Inspector of Steamboats, at Washington, a communication, from which we take the following:

Many thinking men, skilled in engineering, have thought they had discovered the cause of so much disaster, in electricity generated in the boiler; in decomposition of water, thereby producing explosive gases; the expansion of metals; and the popular theory of low water. I have always been skeptical on these points; especially so of the theory that all explosions are occasioned by low water, from the fact that the small amount of heating surface exposed to the water is, in theory, only capable of raising the temperature of the water in the boiler, say fifteen or twenty degrees at the most, even when red hot; not sufficient, certainly, to be the cause of such fearful disaster. * * *

I think I am within the limits of observation when I say that the rise of water in a boiler, when the engine is started and running, is all of two inches, often more. I have found, on stopping the engine to try the water, that it has been lowered two guages without extra foaming, as it is called. I find, when the engine and boiler are at rest, the water remains perfectly still, without any ebullition; but, the moment the steam is drawn off by any cause, boiling takes place, and the water rises in the boiler. The globules of steam rising through the water must have place; hence, when the water is filled with them, it must occupy more space; and just here it has troubled me to know what became of all the heat or caloric taken up by the water while the boiler was at rest. Experiments have shown that the water can be heated to a much higher temperature when at rest than when the steam is drawn off as it is generated; and, becoming satisfied of this, I have found the following results: A small boiler, twenty inches in diameter and four feet long, was placed in the brick-work, with fire surface underneath. It was filled half full of water, and through its upper side (kept tight by a stuffing-box) a rod was passed down into the water, on the end of which a cross-piece was fastened, and of sufficient length to be turned in the water. On the top of the rod (outside) another cross-tail was placed, and a rope attached to each end was led to a safe distance. Steam was now raised until the gauge indicated one hundred and fifty pounds. The ropes were pulled and the water violently agitated. The boiler exploded in an instant. This was repeated with a pressure-gauge which would indicate by a pointer-hand, and the result was the same; leaving the pointer-hand as high as it would go—I believe 450 pounds. Again, a glass-retort was placed over a spirit-lamp, and the water was brought to a boil, when it immediately rose in the retort some distance, but, on stopping the outlet of steam, it fell to its original height. After getting up a pressure of steam, it was again opened, and the water overflowed, but subsided on partially checking the flow of steam. Now, we find from the shape of our boilers, as usually constructed, that the steam or gas, when generated, has not only to push its way through a column of water, but diffuses itself through the whole mass, and cannot escape until the whole is charged with all it can contain, and, when liberated, it will rush to the point of egress with all possible despatch, nor will it wait to be liberated from its wet bath, but carry water with it, producing what is called foaming. I have observed, and inquiry among engineers confirms the observation, that, when an engine is started, after having been at rest for a time, the steam will rise several pounds, gradually receding to its original pressure. This seems to indicate plainly that there is steam, or caloric to make it, stored away in the water of the boiler, and this, in my opinion, is the cause of very many of our explosions. We have every reason to believe from the testimony of many men—some of them on their death beds—that they saw the water tried and found plenty in the gauge-cocks but a moment before an explosion. In seeking for a remedy for the retention by the water of this heat or steam, I was first led to believe if the water could be agitated it would answer the purpose, but I found it very difficult to do so by mechanical means, and so confined my experiments to a thorough circulation of the water in the boiler, and have so far succeeded as to fully confirm my former conclusions.

I place outside or inside of boilers a horizontal pipe or pipes so arranged that they will be about level with the water line, and have openings at intervals to receive their supply at or near the surface of the water; it is then communicated to the mud pipes or pipes which communicate with the bottom of the boiler, at proper intervals, to give a general and good circulating supply. This method I find best adapted when the water contains a large portion of solid or earthy matter, giving it an ample opportunity to settle in the mud pipes, where it can be blown off at pleasure, thereby keeping the boilers clean and free from mud and scale. Yet, in a common boiler with two or more flues, where the circulation is all that would be desired, I place in the center of the boiler, between the flues, two partitions made of sheet iron; the upper side or edge is about two inches below the water line (at its lowest), and the bottom edge is within three inches of the bottom of the boiler, forming between the partitions a pipe, as it were, to conduct the water to the bottom of the boiler. The operation is very simple, yet very effective, and, even long before steam is formed, the circulation is very rapid. The result is most apparent in a battery of four boilers, where water was at all times carried over to the engine, and varied in the gauge cocks at every fire put under the boilers. It is now all as still and smooth as if no fire were under. It has also proved a saving of fuel; the free escape of steam tending to this, I believe, therefore, when boilers are standing still, the circulation will prevent any

more caloric from being retained by the water than is indicated by the pressure gauge. I believe, too, that the main body of the water will remain at a temperature not greatly exceeding 312° Fah.

A Burning Mine at Sheffield.

At Parkgate, near Sheffield, a most extraordinary phenomenon can be seen by all interested in colliery wonders. About one hundred years ago, several Parkgate gentlemen sank a shaft known as the Old Basset Pit. They at once found a rich seam of coal—the Barnsley bed, nine feet in thickness. This coal was worked in a very careful fashion for several years—great blocks and pillars of coal, containing many tons, being left to support the roof in place of the modern wooden props. For several seasons everything proceeded smoothly; but one day the pit caught fire. Nobody can tell how it was ignited; and the ancient miners appear to have been utterly dismayed by the unexpected disaster, as they left the pit to burn at will, instead of closing up the shaft and commencing anew, as they might have done. Many years afterward "the burning pit" was again approached by the lord of the manor, Earl Fitzwilliam, who began to work out coal in the locality. A shaft was sunk at some distance from the Old Basset Pit, and the coal in the direction of Rawmarsh was got at—the new workings being kept at what was considered a safe distance from the fiery pit. Everything proceeded satisfactorily till 1868, when a miner named Parkin descended the Bank Pit shaft—the name by which the new shaft was known—and was greatly alarmed to find fire only ten feet from the pit bottom. He at once gave the alarm—the principal officials were upon the spot, and efforts made to extinguish the fire. "Parkin's flames" were soon put out; but it was found that the whole pit was on fire, and as the Earl's collieries extended for miles, it was feared that the fire would spread over the entire workings. The Old Basset shaft was at once filled up; the old Bank shaft was also closed; a third shaft, the Top Stubbin Pit, was also filled up. A long and thick wall was built to separate the Old Basset workings from the newly opened portions of the pit. Explorations had to be conducted by crawling on hands and knees in the midst of suffocating smoke; but the wall was at length completed at tremendous expense and great labor—it being 1000 yards in length, and from one foot to five feet thick. Cross walls were also built to cut off air ways, and so help in choking the fire. Thick iron pipes, with iron plugs, were inserted in the wall at intervals of fifty yards, so that views could be obtained of the Old Basset workings looking through these pipes. The great wall occupied the time of a large body of workmen for a whole year. A new "futtrell"—the entrance to a coal mine—had to be constructed. It had to be brick-arched above and below with strong brick walls. Entering by this place, the wall is inspected daily, to get information if the old fire has reached it in any way. The last fire was seen in 1872, and on being examined lately, nothing but "black damp" came through the orifices; but the most dangerous place—where the workmen labored at a great wall at the peril of their lives—is believed to be the fiery stronghold. Here the flames are still believed to be raging, although securely imprisoned by the work of the underground heroes who built its prison walls. Until a year or two ago, the farmers found that their crops over this pit were materially accelerated in growth by the heat; and the fact that this acceleration is not so apparent now is the strongest proof to professional minds that the burning pit has about spent its strength after a "long fire" of one hundred years.

Improvement in Colliery Winding Gear.

The London Mining Journal says: At the Mimmins Colliery, at Willenhall, belonging to Mr. Matthew Tildesley, some winding machinery has just been put up, which is attracting much attention in the locality, and that deserves to be widely known, for it seems to be applicable to pits of which the depth is not very considerable. The machinery embraces not only compact winding gear, but likewise the means of preventing over-winding, that merit the consideration of colliery engineers. Boiler, engine, and winding gear are all at the pit's mouth, and cover a space of only a few yards square. The engine and boiler are both under one roof; the grate is constructed so as to effect complete combustion, notwithstanding that the slack used has hitherto been regarded as bank refuse. The boiler is vertical, and possesses a large heating surface of 250 feet. The engine also is vertical, bolted to a frame standing on one side of the shaft mouth, where it works direct a drum fixed over the pit on another frame. On the opposite side of the shaft is the fly-wheel, and to this wheel there is attached a break, which securely grips it until the engineman is at his post, which is at the side of the banksman. To release the break, the principle in use in the north of England has been adopted—the engineman, directly that he takes his stand in the position assigned to him, working by his own weight the lever which disengages the brake. To stop the fly-wheel and to apply the break he has, therefore, only to remove his foot. To the lever, by which the break is applied to the fly-wheel, Mr. Tildesley has attached an iron bar, through which the draw chain runs, and so soon as the skip reaches the required height at the top of the shaft the action of the bar locks the fly-wheel in the grip of the brake, and keeps the skip securely suspended at that point. Owing to the use of the open grate the fire is understood to require renewal only once in about two or three hours. The whole of the apparatus presents a strong contrast to the noisy winding machinery generally adopted in South Stafford-

shire, and the absence of smoke, together with the apparent impossibility of colliers' lives being sacrificed by the negligence or oversight of the engineman in working his engine too long whilst men are ascending, seem to us to give to the improvement the importance which, now the new Mines Act is about to be put into operation, should attract the notice of the colliery people of this district.

Submarine Cable Manufacture.

A writer in a California exchange describes the manufacture of submarine telegraph cables in San Francisco, as follows:

The cable is made on one of Bowden Bros. horizontal cable machines, of twelve spindles—constructed at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. The core consists of seven No. 22 copper wires, thoroughly insulated up to 5-16 of an inch in diameter, covered with gutta-percha and Chat-terton's compound; over this is a layer of canvas and rope-yarn, measuring in all 9-16 of an inch; outside of this core are twelve No. 9 galvanized iron wires, each of which has a tensile strength of 1500 pounds. When finished, the cable is about one inch in diameter, and weighs in round numbers four-fifths of a pound to the foot. The gross weight of the cable and reel upon which it is wound, for the one length of two and a half miles, will be 13,000 pounds.

In making the cable, the core passes through the hollow shaft on the machine, and, meeting the wires at a central point, is covered by them. The twelve bobbins revolve around a common center, and the rope is drawn on to the reel by gearing attached to the reel. Considerable care is required to keep an exact strain on all the bobbins, for, if one wire breaks, the machine has to be stopped in order to join the ends.

This enterprise is, of course, as yet only in its infancy, but the proprietor hopes to extend his business ultimately to greater proportions. In fact, the main cause of its foundation is that they are in hopes of being able to make the China and other cables for the Pacific. The great danger to be apprehended in the transportation of submarine cable is from the change of temperature in crossing the tropics, as shown by the experience of the Red Sea and Panama cables. The only safe way is to lay it in large tanks filled with water.

Supporting Columns in Coal Mines.

The following petition is being circulated in the mining districts of Pennsylvania:

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"Your petitioners, inhabitants of the State aforesaid, most respectfully represent that Governor Geary, in his last message, recommended the last Legislature to pass a law in accordance with the following paragraph:

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"Your petitioners do therefore pray your honorable bodies will pass a law in accordance with said recommendation, believing that many millions of dollars worth of property is at stake in mineral strata, such as iron ore and strata of coal above the nine feet vein, beside other minerals and valuable clays, together with houses, barns, orchards, timber, water courses, mills, railroads, canals, public highways, cemeteries and the general devastation of the fairest and richest portion of our great State. And your petitioners will ever pray."

The Silber Light.—An English inventor, a Mr. Silber, has lately made various improvements in oil lighting. Among other lamps to which Mr. Silber has applied his principle, are the side and masthead lights used on ships. He has perfected a covering for these lanterns which, while permitting the free outward passage of heated air from the flame, is completely impenetrable to water washing over it. Waves breaking over the side lights so constructed would have no power to extinguish the flame. The principle of construction of these ship lanterns is analogous to that adopted to afford protection against currents of air in the case of street lamps and railway roof lamps.

The London Engineer gives an account of an interesting experiment made with a compound engine. The engine was of the annular type; the large cylinder, about thirty-five inches diameter, the inner cylinder about fifteen inches, the stroke of both pistons was the same, about five feet, the piston-rods both laying hold of the same crosshead, which was connected with an overhead beam. The experiment consisted in shutting the steam off from the inner cylinder and driving with the outer annular piston alone. It was found that the engine, then indicating the same horse-power as before, failed to drive the machinery at the proper speed, and it was not till the indicated horse-power was augmented nearly forty per cent., that the engine would do the work. On permitting the steam to find its way to the inner cylinder as before, the indicated horse-power fell to the original point, the machinery being driven at the proper speed.

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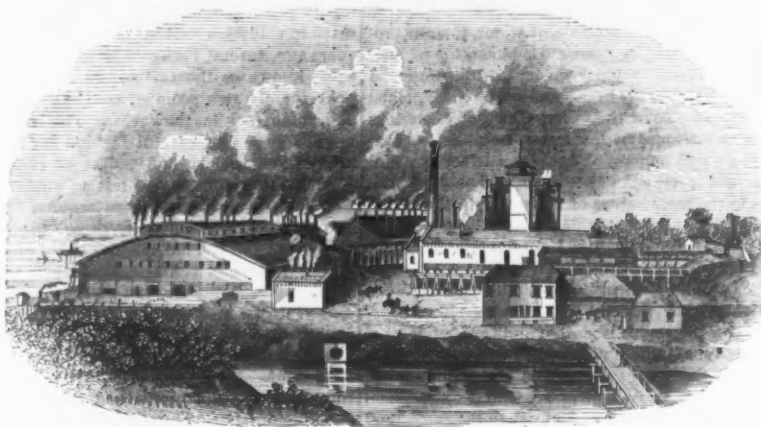
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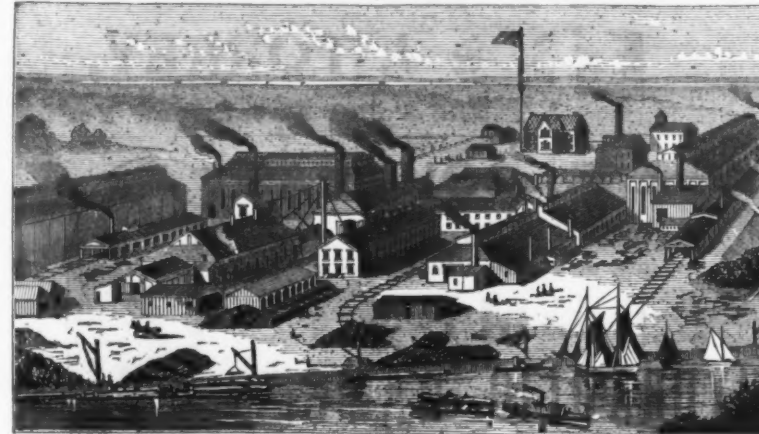
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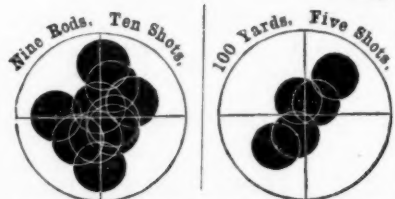
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It has been charged that the high wages now paid to English workmen in all trades have had the effect of rendering them idle, shiftless and intemperate. This has been stoutly denied by the unions, and the assertion has given rise to a good deal of newspaper discussion. We take the following from an interesting article in the *Sheffield Independent*, directly bearing upon the subject, and purporting to give the results of careful inquiry into the present condition of the working classes of that city:

Are the artisan classes any better off now, with their shorter hours of labor and their advanced wages, than they were four years ago? An answer either way would be strictly true. Many of the more highly remunerated men in the iron branches have taken advantage of the season of prosperity, and have been investing their savings, more particularly in building societies. As much cannot be said of the men employed in the cutlery, file, and other old staple trades of the town. It must, however, be admitted that during the season of extreme depression which followed the last commercial panic, the heavy discounts which were made brought wages down "almost to starvation point." It was with the utmost difficulty the bare necessities of life could be procured. The advances, of which so much has been made, in the cutlery and other trades, would only have brought wages up to what were reasonable, even had the price of the commodities of life remained as they were. With each slight increase of salary men have had to pay far more for all they have had to purchase with it; and striking a balance, even on this account, they would be in no better position. It is true with a prosperous season of trade they might have worked more steadily and continuously; but they appear to have acted under the hallucination that because they were receiving better pay, therefore they were at liberty to idle away half their time and to live more extravagantly. So far as regards thousands of families in the town, the heads of which have been, and are, earning moderately good wages, they are scarcely a week's remove from pauperism. If overtaken by an accident or sickness they apply for relief at once. Employers who are no longer pressed with orders have begun to shake off the idle and incompetent, who are coming upon the rates. The opinion of those who are in a position to judge is that should a time of real depression of trade come there would be more poverty and distress in the town than ever were known before. Of course there are men in these, as well as in all other branches, who will save under any circumstances; but during the winter, even with augmented incomes, they have found it exceedingly difficult to do so on account of the increased cost of living. As regards the majority, they are as poor and as deeply in debt as ever they were.

Are the people of Sheffield any exception in their inveterate habit of borrowing and of putting off the evil day of paying as long as they possibly can? It is a significant fact that although wages have been steadily increasing, the business transacted by loan societies has also extended immensely. Some of these societies are inundated with applications from persons anxious to borrow; but only those who can offer satisfactory security are dealt with. A system of borrowing and lending is being carried on in some works to an extent little imagined. There are men in them all who are always poor, however much they may earn; and there are generally a few in each place who are as careful and as saving as the others are improvident. The one borrow from the other, the rate of interest being one penny per week for every shilling lent! Cases have occurred in which men have paid fivepence per week for months for the loan of five shillings. Those who are in the happy position of lenders are making a "good thing" out of it, and rather encourage the system. Good trade has in no way interfered with the business of pawnbrokers. In the County Court last year there were entered 21,504 plaints, and 5794 executions were levied. In the previous year there were 23,719 plaints entered, and 5579 executions levied. In fact, it is the old story. No matter what some people earn they will be poor and in debt. There are men in the town who are making from £5 to £10 per week who live in 4s. houses, and whose furniture, if brought under the hammer, would not realize £20.

What do the men do with their wages? Much of them goes in drink and in extravagant living; but there is another evil spreading amongst them to an alarming extent. The system of betting threatens to do as much in the way of demoralizing the working classes as even drink has done. There are large factories in the town in which four out of every five men employed are addicted to gambling. From morning until night it is their one theme of conversation, and when any "event" is coming off little or no work is done. Frequently a man's week's wages are pledged before he has earned a penny of them. Twenty years ago only old stagers indulged in the habit, and in a very quiet manner. Those who have watched the development of this pernicious system in our large workshops trace it—whether rightly or wrongly—almost entirely to the establishment of local sports. Young men commenced by "backing" their shopmates, and encouraged by success, have proceeded to bet on more public events, until the system has engrossed the whole of their attention to the neglect of every other duty.

The relations existing between employers and employed in Sheffield at the present day are not of the most satisfactory character. Heads of establishments appear to be taking less and less personal interest in those about them. Men could be named who have been in the employ of a firm for twenty years who never have, and

never would dream of, speaking to a principal. The person with whom they have to do is the "manager," between whom and the men, in many instances, the most unfriendly feeling exists. The "manager" exercises his authority in an arbitrary and objectionable manner; and the men resent it by doing as little work for as much pay as they can possibly get. A steady, respectable workman, who is endeavoring to improve his position is regarded by the "manager" with jealousy, and his efforts are persistently thwarted and checked. Current events show very clearly what spirit is at work between employers and employed. Forty hammer drivers recently asked their employers to pay them full time, and not call upon them to suffer loss when from breakage or otherwise their hammers could not be worked. In reply, they were dismissed with a fortnight's notice, and their places were filled by others. Take a case on the other side. The razor grinders a few years ago were about the worst paid men in Sheffield. The trade was overstocked with labor, and men were altogether unable to provide properly for their families. By organization the men have succeeded in doubling their wages, and in so reducing their numbers as to make it altogether impossible for them to do the work required of them. Although they know their employers have not sufficient blades in stock to last a week, and that hundreds of pounds are being lost because orders cannot be executed, they refuse either to do more themselves, or to admit more than a certain number of apprentices into the trade. The men say they have too vivid a recollection of what they had to endure a dozen years ago ever to place themselves in the same position again. These cases sufficiently indicate the spirit at work, not alone, perhaps, in Sheffield. On the one side there is no personal intercourse and kindly sympathy; on the other there is no cordial, hearty service. It will be well for both sides if trade continue moderately good for some time to come, so that neither side might take advantage of the other.

It is said that a load of bullion came through from the Colorado Silver Regions as lead on to Philadelphia. At Wetmore siding on the P. & E. Railroad, the car that this metal was loaded on got jammed, and the metal was buried in the snow. Another car was procured, and the metal reloaded and sent eastward. Shortly after a peremptory order came from the president that seven bars of lead were missing, and they must be got. After considerable digging in the snow, five of the pigs were recovered and sent on. Then another order came, "the other two bars must be found," and found they were, after much delay and hard work. The men wondered why they were so particular about a few pigs of lead. But they found out shortly after that they were not lead, but silver, valued at \$2000 a bar, being sent to the Philadelphia mint for coinage, and were carried in this way so as to mislead thieves along the road, who undoubtedly would have pilfered the car to some extent had they known the value of its cargo.

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A brief, but interesting, correspondence has passed between England and Austria to the following effect: A letter was received by the council of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, from the Imperial Austro-Hungarian Consul General, stating that his government was about to take measures to assist small manufacturers in competing with large establishments whose steam power and large capital menaced the existence of small traders, and asking if the English government had taken similar measures, or had power to do so. The council decided to send a reply to the effect that the proposed plan would in England be deemed an interference with commercial freedom and the legitimate advantages which were secured by the employment of capital and machinery.

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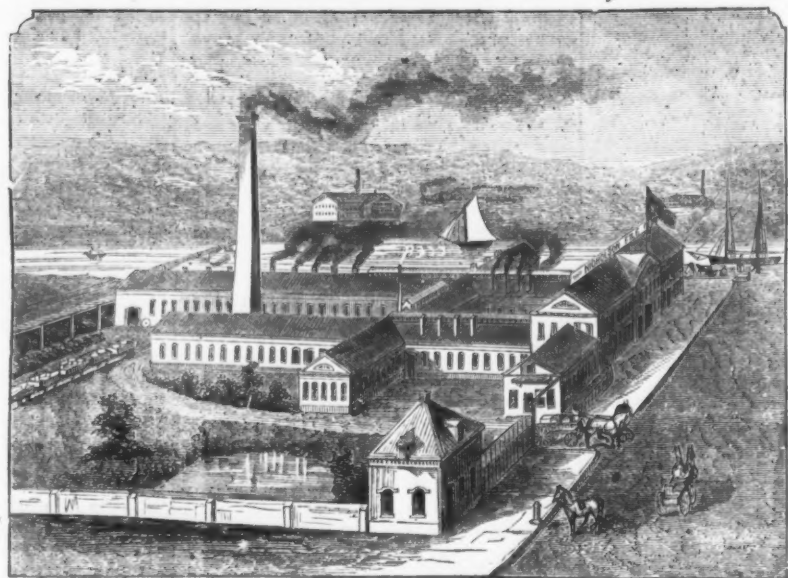
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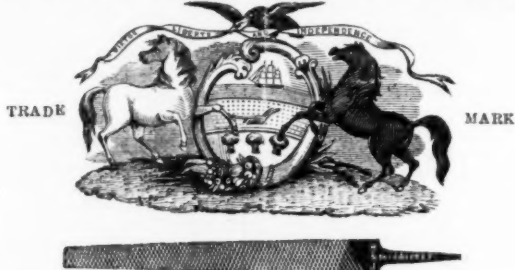
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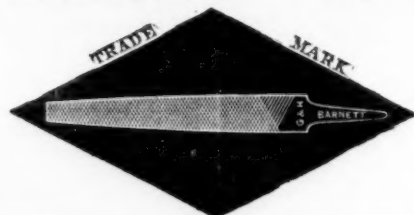
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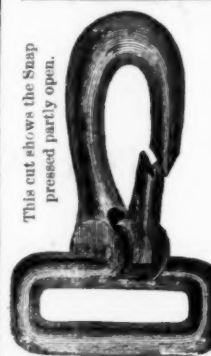
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Saucon Iron Company, in Hellertown, Bucks county, has \$500,000 capital, employs 300 men, and pays to its workmen every month some \$30,000.

The Phoenix Iron Company intend soon erecting an additional mill, at a cost of \$1,000,000. At Bridesburg an iron mill is to be erected, and just opposite the built-up portion of the city, on Point Alry, there is soon to be established a smelting works for the reduction of lead and silver ores from the rich deposits in the Rocky Mountain region.

MASSACHUSETTS.

An order has been received at the Armory in Springfield to manufacture 4000 steel bayonet scabbards, and the work will be begun as soon as the machinery can be placed in position. This is a portion of a contract for a quantity of military accoutrements now being filled at the government shops at Watervliet, N. Y., where there are no facilities for manufacturing the scabbards.

Mr. S. R. Russell, of Boston, has invented an apparatus for extinguishing fires which works automatically, and promises to be of great value in case of fire. It consists of a number of turbine water wheels placed beneath the sidewalk in a house or store, and connected with the water main. It is worked by the pressure of the water, and connects with a powerful force pump, which pumps the waste water used in driving the wheel to any part of the building through a standing pipe, with which hose or perforated pipes around the ceilings may be connected. The entire machine occupies but four feet, and may be instantly set in motion by means of a lever, thus bringing water to bear on a fire the instant it is discovered. The machine is receiving the attention of the municipal authorities of Boston.

Messrs. Fearing, Rodman & Swift, East Bridgewater, manufacture all descriptions of chain cables, from 1/2 inch to 3 inch iron, turning out from 15 to 20 tons per week, which gives employment to 25 hands.

The Ames Company, of Chicopee, have contracted to build a bronze statue for a soldiers' monument in Chester, Pa. A fine set of recently finished gunstocking machinery is now shipping to an extensive arms factory in England.

A steam gong has been placed on the Wason Car Company's works, at Brightwood, which is said to be the largest ever manufactured. It was made by the Water Meter Company, of Worcester, is 10 feet long, contains three separate bells, each of a different tone, and can be heard at a distance of 30 miles. In the new paint shop the company have a large force of men, and the cars are sent up from their old works in an unfinished condition and completed there. Their new engine and steam apparatus are to be tested soon.

CONNECTICUT.

"The Rugg Manufacturing Company" has been organized in Cheshire for the manufacture of edge tools and general hardware. The capital stock of \$50,000 has all been taken at home. H. C. Ives is president and treasurer; Alfred Bristol, secretary; and Charles Rugg, superintendent. The latter has been for over twenty years foreman of the Collins Company, Collinsville. The company have bought four acres of land, and will soon build ample works.

MAINE.

The Worcester & Nashua Railroad Company have contracted with the Portland Rolling Mills for 3000 tons of iron rail for the Rochester and Nashua line, now under construction, and which is designed to form the articulating link of the route between the extreme East, the city of New York and the great West.

OHIO.

The Columbus Revolving Scraper Company have erected a shop 120x30 feet, and two stories high, and now work from 25 to 30 hands. They expect to build a larger shop in the spring. They will make from 5000 to 8000 scrapers this year. They make from 100 to 150 dozen harrows per month, and about 100 railroad plows.

The firm of Schreyer & Smith, Columbus, manufacture the steel wagon skids of which Mr. Schreyer is the patentee. The company is now erecting extensive works for the accommodation of its business. The new buildings are of brick, with a slate roof, and will be a great addition to the rapidly increasing establishments of the city. The foundry is 70x45 feet, machine shop 60x45 feet, two stories, forging shop 80x34, with an ell 50x40. The works will be fitted up complete for the purposes intended, comprising a rolling mill for rolling the plates used, six power hammers, beside binding and shearing machines, lathes, planers, etc.

MICHIGAN.

The work of rebuilding the Northern Iron Company's furnace, at Choccolay, has been suspended for a time on account of the cold weather interfering with the mason work. A large share of the work necessary to make the change from charcoal to anthracite fuel has been done, and the furnace can be put into operation soon after open weather sets in. It is the intention to rebuild the docks and piers and dredge the channel at the mouth of the river. This will be expensive work. The rolling mill branch railroad, which is to be extended to the Carp furnace, should also be extended to the Choccolay, and thus furnish good transportation facilities at less expense than by the rebuilding of the Choccolay harbor.

The Marquette & Pacific Rolling Mill Furnace is being completely dismanteled, and will be remodeled after the style of the Grace stack.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Iron Ore Hill Manufacturing Company, in Chatham, have commenced operations, and are making four tons of iron per day. They expect to have seven furnaces in full blast in less than 12 months, and will manufacture the article on quite an extensive scale.

KANSAS.

During the past year, the Lawrence Iron Works, at Lawrence, have run altogether 451 "turns," running all the time on "double turn," the mill being employed during the whole year, except for a short time in the summer. At their mill and coal banks they have employed about 300 men, and during the year have manufactured 7675 tons of muck bar, and 6014 tons of finished iron.

The contract for bridging the Missouri at Atchison was let on the 17th ult. to the King Bridge Co., of Topeka, for \$815,000; the work to be completed in two years.

NEBRASKA.

At the Omaha Machine Shops, the Union Pacific Road has turned out the first locomotive, and expect to build them at that point in the future, as the cost is much less than at the East.

MISSOURI.

The Hamilton Iron Company are to erect a blast furnace in Blanton Settlement, in the northwestern part of Washington county, to be in blast by next July or August. The principal men of the company are experienced iron manufacturers from Portsmouth, Ohio, and their capital is \$150,000.

Economy in the Use of Coal.

The council of the Society of Arts has issued the following announcement: "With reference to the sum of £500 placed at the disposal of the council, through Sir William Bodkin, by a gentleman who does not wish his name to appear, for promoting, by means of prizes or otherwise, economy in the use of coal for domestic purposes, the council have decided to offer the following prizes:

"1. For a new and improved system of grate suitable to existing chimneys as generally constructed, which shall, with the least amount of coal, answer best for warming and ventilating the room—the Society's Gold Medal and £50.

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"5. For any new and improved system of arrangement not included in the foregoing, which shall efficiently and economically meet domestic requirements—the Society's Gold Medal and £50.

"The council reserve to themselves the right of withholding all or any of the above prizes, as the judges appointed by them may determine.

"The competing articles must be delivered not later than the 1st of December, 1873, with a view to their being tested, and subsequently shown in the London International Exhibition of 1874.

"Further particulars as to place of delivery and other arrangements will be published as soon as they are finally settled."

The Centennial Stock and the Pennsylvania Ironmasters.—The Committee on Rolling Mills, in connection with the Centennial Anniversary, composed of Samuel J. Reeves, George B. Newton, Stephen Robbins, and Percival Roberts, have issued an address to the producers and manufacturers of iron throughout the State, soliciting subscriptions to the Centennial stock. Appealing to the self interest of the iron workers, they say: "What class of our citizens has more to gain from an international industrial exhibition on our own soil and within the limits of our own State, than the manufacturers of iron? They have heretofore had a home market for all their products, but they should not therefore neglect to extend their foreign market. They should look abroad for customers, as England does to-day. An exhibition at Philadelphia of the world's industrial products would be most favorable for a display of the iron products and resources of Pennsylvania, and could not fail to increase the estimation in which they are held by foreigners, and eventually to increase the demand for any surplus of finished iron we might have to sell. The home demand for our iron would also be stimulated by a display which would convince thousands of Americans that home made wares are the cheapest and the best." They say that of the four millions promised by Senator Scott to come from Pennsylvania alone, so large an interest as that of iron should take at least one-tenth of that sum. They then give the following as the subscriptions thus far received: Phoenix Iron Company, and Clark, Reeves & Co., \$5000; Cambria Iron Company, \$5000; A. & P. Roberts & Co., 2500; Allentown Rolling Mill Company, \$2500; John P. Verree, \$1000; Seyfert, McManus & Co., \$2500. The workmen in the iron establishments of Philadelphia have subscribed many thousands of dollars. In closing they urge promptness of response to the request for subscriptions.

Meeting of Copper Manufacturing Associations.—Representatives of a number of of the copper manufacturing associations of New-York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Maryland, met in annual session at Baltimore on Wednesday last. The business was conducted in private; but it is understood a resolution was adopted that no change be made at present in the price of manufactured copper, on account of the high price of the raw material.

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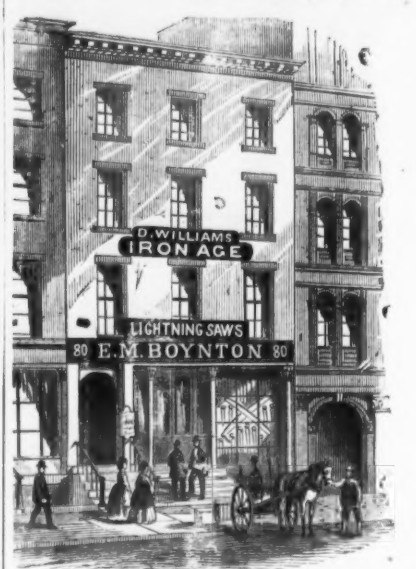
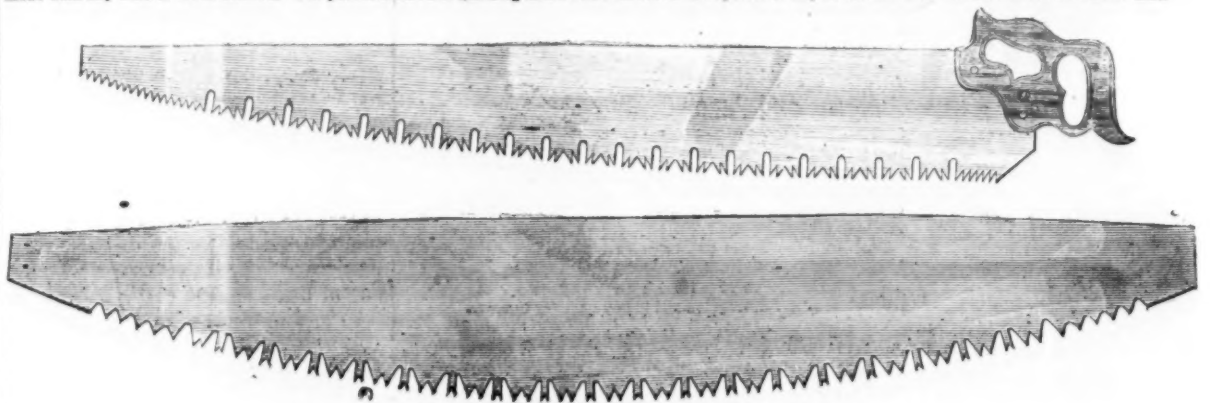
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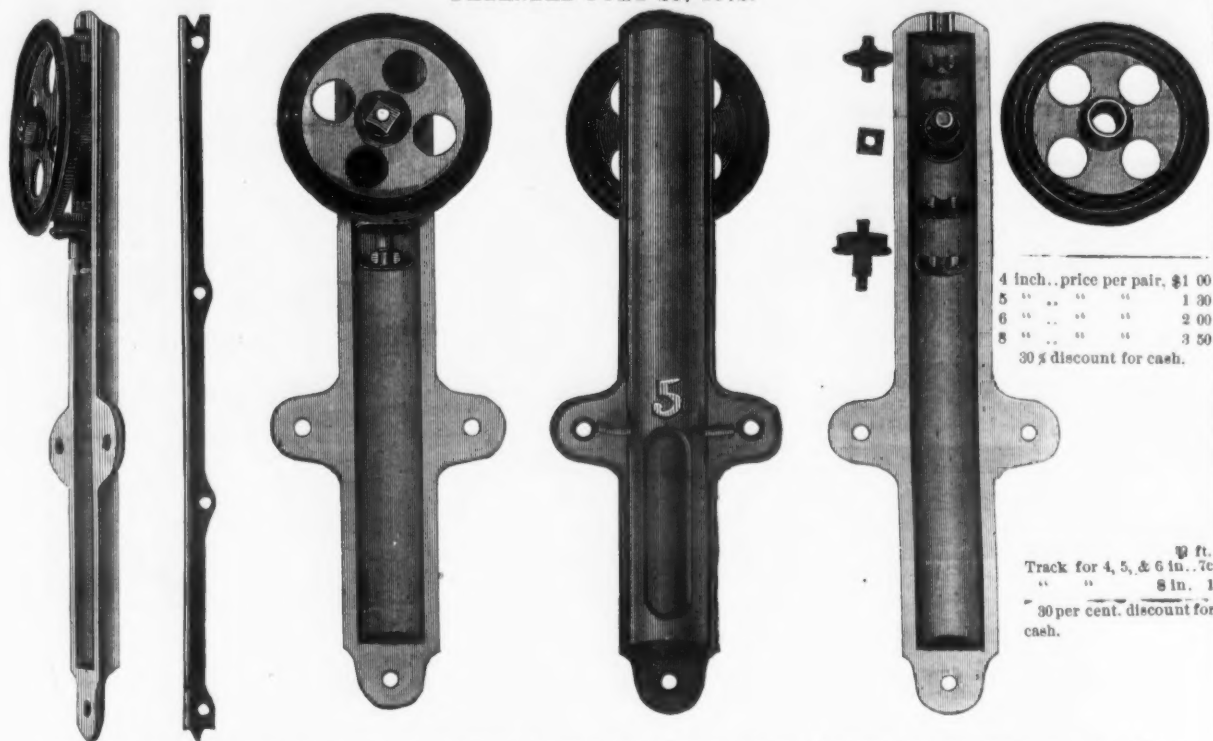
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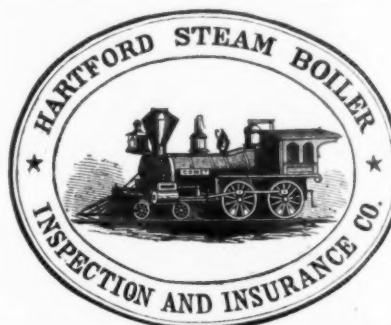
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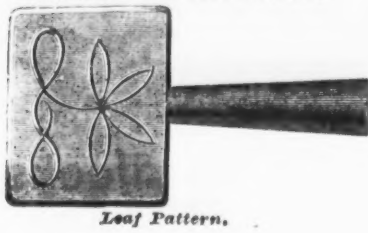
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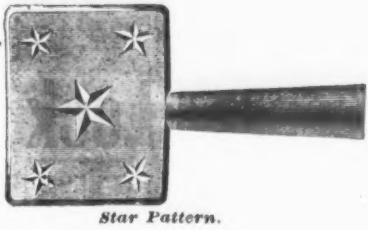
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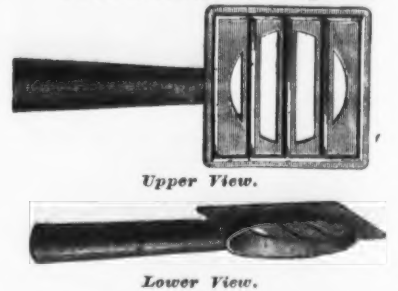
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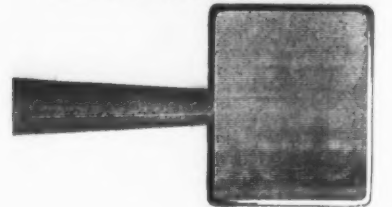
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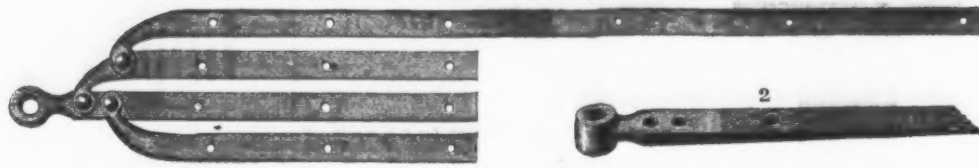
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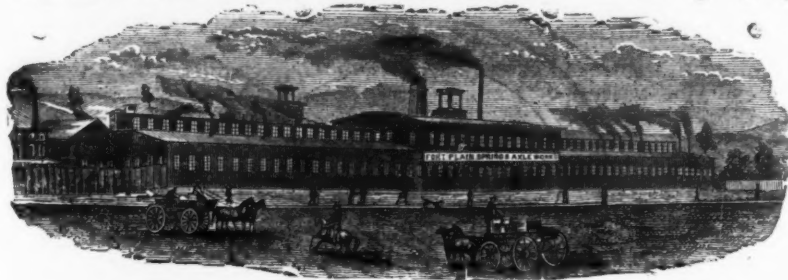
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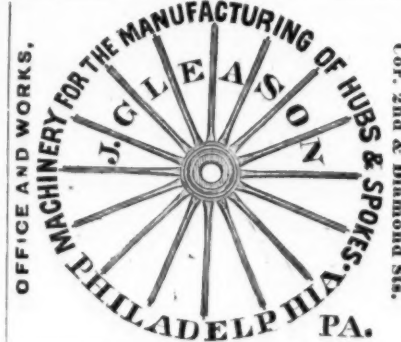
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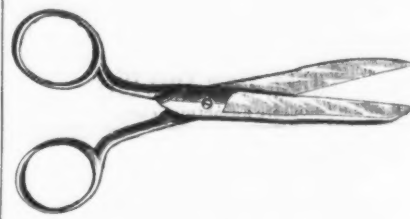
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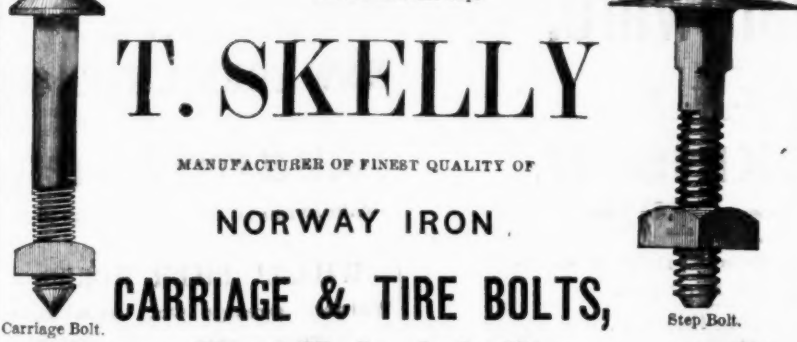
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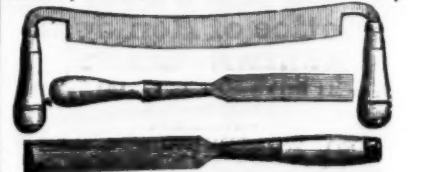
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The "Crystallization" of Wrought Iron.

Mr. Oliver Williams, Superintendent of the Catsaquia Manufacturing Company's Works, and a practical iron master of large experience in the manufacture of bar, tank and boiler iron, railway axles, etc., has sent us two very interesting specimens of inch square bar iron, showing the action of frost in effecting what appears to be a complete change in molecular structure. The specimens are accompanied by the following letter:

CATSAQUIA, Pa., March 5, 1873.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: As showing the peculiar action of frost on iron, I send you, by to-day's express, two specimens cut from different bars of iron rolled by us for nut iron. These specimens were first nicked with a cleft on one side only, and then broken under a hammer, at a temperature of about 20° Fahrenheit. At this temperature both specimens broke off short, showing, as you will notice, a clearly defined granular or steely iron fracture. The pieces were then gradually heated to about 75° Fahrenheit, and then broken, as before, developing a fine, clear fibrous grain. The two fractures are but four inches apart, and yet are entirely different. This is not a new thing in our experience, but I have never had the phenomena explained to my satisfaction, and I refer the matter to you, hoping it may provoke an explanation that will be of interest to the trade. Yours, truly,

OLIVER WILLIAMS.

A careful examination of the fractures shows a difference which is certainly remarkable. At one end the iron has broken short off with a fracture not unlike that of cast iron; at the other end with a fracture such as might be expected in good neutral wrought iron, while midway between them the bar is bent double, after clipping on one side, showing a fracture of beautiful gray color and exposing a continuous silky fiber, more resembling the fiber of hickory wood than anything else to which we can compare it. The questions suggested are: Is the steely, granular fracture really crystalline, or only apparently so because the plane of the fracture is at right angles to the grain? And, if really crystalline, is such molecular change the usual effect of frost upon neutral wrought iron?

Upon these subjects it is difficult to express any decided opinions, either based upon the results of original observations or upon the conclusions of those who, by careful and scientific experiment, have endeavored to settle the long disputed ques-

tion of the crystallization of wrought iron. We have seen good neutral iron behave very differently at different times under much the same conditions, but nothing in our observation has led us to believe that fibrous wrought iron becomes really crystalline under any conditions. The contraction and expansion of a bar of iron, according to its temperature, necessarily implies a more or less constant change in the relation, or relative position, of the molecules composing it; and, when most contracted, the iron may become so compact that, when broken short off across the grain, it may appear to be composed of minute crystals, as in the samples before us. On the other hand, when the iron is expanded by heat, it is probable that the molecules are so adjusted as to develop much greater tenacity than when cold, and the fracture made under these conditions would naturally present a fibrous appearance. Robert Stevenson was, we believe, opposed to the theory of a change from fibrous to crystalline structure in wrought iron under any circumstances.

Mr. Thornycroft considered that the internal structure of iron undergoes no change unless there be a change of form, but that long continued bending would make the most fibrous iron crystalline. Mr. Roebeling, the eminent bridge constructor, gave it as the result of his experience that the most fibrous bar may be broken so as to show a granular, and apparently crystalline fracture, without undergoing any molecular change whatever. "Take," he says, "a fibrous bar, 10 feet long, nip it in the center all around with a cold chisel, then poise the bar upon the short edge of a large anvil and a short piece of iron placed eight or nine inches from the edge on the face of the anvil, and strike a few heavy blows upon the nip so that each blow will cause the bar to rebound and to vibrate intensely, and the result will be a granular and somewhat crystalline fracture. Now take up the two halves and nip them all round again, about one or two inches from the fractured ends, and break them off by easy blows over the round edge of the anvil, and the fibre will appear again. This experiment proves that a break caused by sudden jars and intense vibration may show a granular, and even crystalline, fracture, without having changed the molecular arrangement of the iron. All fibres are composed of mineral crystals drawn out and elongated or flattened, and the fracture may be produced so as to exhibit in the same bar, and within the same inch of bar, either more fibre or crystal. But a coarse crystalline bar will, under no circumstances, exhibit fibre, nor will a well worked-out fibre exhibit coarse crystals. We might quote a number of other authorities on this subject, but none of those which we now call to mind present any facts upon which the wide diversities of opinion above shown can be reconciled.

The question of practical importance involved in such a dispute, however, is whether such changes of structure as may take place during the contraction and expansion incident to changes of temperature, affect in any material degree the strength of iron. On this subject there is the widest diversity of opinion among recognized experts, whose views are entitled to the most careful consideration. As regards rails, experience seems to show that the results reached in actual service are different from those reached by experiment, as more rails and axles break in winter—mostly showing seemingly crystalline fractures—than in summer, while carefully conducted experiments have, under some circumstances, shown that very cold iron will resist a harder blow than the same iron when heated to the average summer temperature. Knut Styffe, the eminent Swedish metallurgist and Director of the Royal Institute of Stockholm, is of the opinion that "the modulus of elasticity in both iron and steel is increased on reduction of temperature and diminished on elevation of temperature." He admits that his conclusions are at variance with what would seem to be the general experience, but accounts for the fact that iron and steel become brittle because sufficient allowance is not made for expansion and contraction incident to changes of temperature. Sandberg, an authority on railroad iron and translator of Styffe's works into English, reaches a very different conclusion. Wishing to ascertain specifically the effect of cold upon iron rails, he undertook a series of experiments extending through summer and winter, which are described as follows:

"A granite rock near Stockholm was leveled in situ, and upon this plane surface two cubic blocks of granite, each containing about ten cubic feet, were placed four feet apart to serve as supports. A ball weighing 9 cwt. was so adjusted that it could be raised to a height of 15 feet, and then allowed to fall on the rail midway between the supports. All the rails were tested by the ball falling from a height of 5 feet for the first blow, and with an increase of 5 feet for each succeeding blow, until fracture occurred, the deflection being measured after each impact. The average results obtained from ten rails showed

that one end of a rail tested at 84° F. resisted a blow from the height of 39 feet, whilst the other end tested at 10° F. only sustained a blow from the height of 11 feet."

Notwithstanding the results of Sandberg's experiments, Styffe is not alone in the position he has assumed. Dr. Joul reached the conclusion, after careful experiments, that frost alone does not render iron or steel brittle under any circumstances; while Sir W. Fairbairn holds that the strength of wrought iron is increased by frost. Fairbairn considers Sandberg's experiments inconclusive and unsatisfactory, because made with notoriously cold short iron, but admits that they may, perhaps, be regarded as showing that cold short iron is weakened by frost, even if neutral and hot short irons are not.

The conclusion naturally reached from a comparison of these opinions, and a careful examination of the facts upon which they are based, is that the quality and chemical constitution of iron has much—perhaps everything—to do with determining the effect of cold upon its structure and strength. The subject is one of so much interest and importance that we are unwilling to venture any hastily formed or ill considered explanation of the phenomena which are brought to our attention in the letter above published, preferring rather to lay the matter before our readers in the hope of exciting discussion. The experiences of iron masters and engineers with regard to the crystallization, or other change of structure, in good neutral wrought iron, from frost, vibration, or other causes, would prove of great public interest, and we invite the fullest and freest discussion of the subject, promising as large a share of our space as may be necessary to accommodate such interesting communications as may be sent us.

The British Coal Famine.

Much as it has been written about by newspaper correspondents and discussed by newspaper writers, we do not believe that any adequate idea has yet been formed by the people of this country of the miseries resulting from the scarcity of fuel for domestic purposes in Great Britain. Our English exchanges are full of such paragraphs as the following, which we take from a report of one of the London Health Inspectors: "It has come to my knowledge that, owing to the present high price of coals, many of the poor in the parish are enduring great privations. In some poor families that I have heard of fuel is obliged to be economized in the following manner: A fire is lighted early in the morning to boil the water for breakfast, after which it is put out and not re-lighted until the time for cooking the dinner (when they have any), when it is again put out and not re-lighted till tea-time. Surely, it will be manifest to every one that, apart from the misery which the poor, starving children of these families have to endure, the effects of such privation upon their health must be very serious. At the best of times they get but a scanty supply of nourishing food to create animal heat; and now, with the present low temperature, ill-clad and almost without fires to warm them, it seems almost too much to hope for that the amount of animal heat necessary to sustain life can be very long maintained." But the suffering from this cause is not confined to those living in absolute destitution. It is stated that thousands of families belonging to what are known as the middle classes are compelled to practice the closest economy in the use of coal. Fires for heating only are very generally dispensed with, and during the unusually cold weather of the past winter many of the comforts, and most of the luxuries, of life have been sacrificed by those in moderate circumstances to admit of the purchase of coals enough to banish frost from their dwellings and render them habitable by persons unable to bear long continued exposure to cold. In other cases, where economy is not forced by poverty, it has been at times impossible to procure domestic coals at all, or at least in quantities sufficient to meet the requirements of families. The suffering and inconvenience from this cause may, however, be expected to diminish with the advance of the season, and perhaps the falling off in the demand for fuel for heating purposes will have a beneficial effect in somewhat reducing the price of coals needed for kitchen and laundry use.

But the evils of the coal famine do not stop with the suffering incident to insufficient supplies of fuel at prices which are beyond the means of the poor and which impose heavy burdens upon the middle classes. Dear coal implies increased prices for every useful commodity and for transportation on the one hand, and diminished employment for workmen on the other. There is not one department of British industry which has not felt the paralyzing influence of the advance in fuel. With higher prices for manufactures of all kinds their consumption is restricted, and in

many districts employers have been compelled to reduce the number of the men and women in their employ, and to reduce their productions as the only means of escaping otherwise inevitable bankruptcy. This has led to great privation and much suffering among the working classes in districts where coal is scarce. All these evils combined, and the enforced idleness of those who, not taking part in the ruinous strikes, are prevented thereby from pursuing their trades, have brought about a condition of affairs which, we think, may safely said to be without parallel in English history, and which presents a marked and painful contrast to that which existed during the season of unexampled industrial activity and general prosperity through which England so lately passed. Nor is the outlook encouraging. It is believed by many that coal, which at latest advices was quoted at 53 @ 54 shillings, or about \$13 @ \$13.50, gold, per ton, will advance to 60 shillings, or \$15, gold, before the market turns; and while such prices cannot be maintained permanently, since they would paralyze the nation's industries and reduce its consumption to a minimum, there is no reason to hope that England will ever again enjoy the benefits of cheap fuel. We have it on the eminent authority of Sir William Armstrong, that Great Britain has reached the maximum of her production, and that, henceforth, her coal fields will not be able, under the most favorable conditions, to more than supply what, under ordinary conditions, would be her present consumptive demand. This is a startling statement, since it admits that no material increase of consumption is possible unless foreign sources are drawn upon to make good the deficiency of home production. Under such circumstances, we see no chance for England to retain her monopoly of the export trade in manufactures in competition with this country. With dear coal and high wages, she cannot even hold her present position. The London Times, which does not speak on so grave a question without deliberation, sounds the note of alarm in the following language:

The maintenance of prices of coal such as we have been accustomed to, is the condition of our supremacy as a manufacturing nation. Cheap coal is cheap labor. The latent energy of coal, stored up for unnumbered thousands of years in our subterranean treasure houses, is the motive force of all our great manufactures. If we lose this, we are indeed forlorn. Why is it that raw cotton comes from the Southern States of America to be spun into the fabrics which are exported to the East Indies, the native home of the cotton plant? Why is it that wool is brought from Australia to England to be woven into the broadcloth that is sent back to Australia in the shape of ready-made clothes? Why is it that tin from Banca, that copper from Chili and Australia, that sugar from the Antilles and the Mauritius, are poured into England in their rough and unmanufactured condition to be smelted and refined and adapted for use by those who require them? It is not because we have an unusual supply of labor. Other countries—Ireland, for example—have ample supplies of labor; and, indeed, the reserve supplies of labor are everywhere abundant, and are always forthcoming where there are means of employing them to advantage. We have developed supplies of labor for this reason, and for this reason only—that we have the means of setting it to work. We owe our position simply to this—that we have got at hand the piled-up natural forces in directing which human labor is most efficiently employed, that the substance in which this force is accumulated is in itself so bulky and cumbersome that it is less toll-free to bring the raw materials to it to be converted into the finished product than to carry it to the place of production of the raw materials to manufacture them there; and it follows that if through the diminution of our store the basis of manufacture can no longer be obtained from our mines with the same facility as from other reserves, the homes of production will shift with the shifting cheapness of coal. The center of gravity of the industrial world will always be found where the labor of appropriate motive forces of nature is least. This is, at all events, the principle of migration of industry. Men cannot without some delay transport themselves in nations from one field to another, as the return they obtain for their industry varies; there is a good deal of friction impeding the migration of races; but the course of change always tends to pursue the bounty of Nature, and we can often see the ripple of movement before the current has reached its full force.

What this means our readers can judge for themselves. The nation is profoundly alarmed at the situation, and more than anxious for the future. Mr. Mundella's motion, providing for the appointment of a commission to inquire into and report upon the present high price and scarcity of coal, has passed Parliament without opposition, and as promptly received the assent of the government; and it is to be hoped the forthcoming "blue-book" will contain something more than specious arguments and deceptive statistics, showing that there is still coal enough in the earth within British territory to supply the largest possible requirements of the nation for another century. This is probably true, but the question of practical interest now to be answered is, whether and under what conditions that coal can be mined so cheaply as to enable British manufacturers to hold their own for another generation against foreign competition.

The Labor Statistics of Massachusetts.

It is certainly to be regretted that the successful results which have attended the labors of the Board of Commissioners appointed to collect, classify and publish such useful information as can be gathered concerning labor, and the condition of the laboring classes, in Massachusetts, have not had the effect of impressing the legislatures of other States with the importance of making provision for the performance of the same good work in much the same way. The last report of the Massachusetts Commissioners, lately published, is of es-

pecial value and interest, and we would gladly give its contents a larger share of our space, but in the present crowded state of our columns we can only find room to note a few of the more interesting features of the work, which, with the reports that have preceded it from the same source, constitutes an important addition to our current statistical literature.

The most noticeable feature of the report is that which exhibits the diversification of industry under a protective tariff, and its natural minute subdivision. There are now as many as one thousand distinct trades and branches of trades employing labor especially skilled in their practice, and yet the number of occupations returned in 1870 was only 242. This is a distinguishing characteristic of our highly developed industrial system. The statistics of wages are interesting, as showing that skill and industry command for the working classes ample and comfortable support. The average annual earnings of each male above 16 years of age is \$536, and each female above 15 is \$237; and the wages of each youth or child employed under 16 is \$150. The cost of living is estimated as follows, from actual returns, predicated on 52-10 persons to each family:

	Per Annum.	Per family.	Per person.
Groceries and provisions	\$258.58	\$48.64	\$4.86
Vegetables	36.66	5.18	5.18
Clothing	134.97	25.07	2.51
Rent	76.78	14.98	1.49
Fuel	51.72	9.82	9.82
Light	6.31	1.19	1.19
Furniture	29.50	6.43	6.43
Education	12.00	2.28	2.28
Sickness	16.33	3.11	3.11
Recreation and travel	17.79	3.31	3.31
Charity	7.50	1.39	1.39
Religion	14.44	2.71	2.71
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Sundries	30.06	5.68	5.68
	\$690.78	\$122.33	

These comparisons must be examined carefully before the conclusion is reached that the earnings of the head of an average family are not sufficient for its support in comfort. The returns for 1870 show that the average wages of males over 16 years of age \$2.41 per day. If this be the average, a skilled and industrious mechanic, old enough to have a family of four or five to support, should earn at any good trade at least \$3 per day and working 300 days in a year—which would give him 52 Sundays and thirteen holidays, he would earn \$900, or \$209.23 more than the estimated cost of living for a family of 5 and 2-10 persons. Suppose his expenses to be increased to \$800, he would still have \$100 left to deposit in a savings bank, and at this rate of accumulation he could easily save enough between the ages of 25 and 50, including compounded interest, to make more than ordinarily comfortable provision for his old age, or for the support of those dependent upon him in the event of his death or superannuation. In many trades three dollars per day is a low average for skilled and competent men, and it must be remembered that averages like those above given include all classes, and do not fairly show, so far as earnings are concerned, what the labor of a first-class industrious mechanic will command. They do show, however, that the average earnings of a head of a family will not support a family of five adults, whose maintenance costs as much as his own, and none of whom contribute anything to their own support, or the support of the others; but it is not to be expected that they would, nor is it desirable that the children of workmen should, feel that they are exempt from the necessity of becoming self-supporting as early in life as possible. As the rule, however, the working classes are improvident and unthrifty, and there is no statistical warrant for supposing that increased wages have materially bettered their condition. A great proportion of the workmen are perpetually in debt, and in many instances the vicious system of trading on credit leaves the workmen nothing for themselves on pay-day.

With regard to co-operation, the report states that, so far as Massachusetts is concerned, it has proved a practical failure, owing, doubtless, to lack of business knowledge and capacity, and the absence of reserve capital sufficient to tide the co-operative enterprises over unprofitable seasons. With regard to hours of labor, the report claims that the reduction from 12 to 11 in textile factories has resulted advantageously, and that the experiment of a Saturday holiday—working time 62½ hours per week—as tried by the shoe manufacturers of Lowell, Lawrence and Fall River, is said to have proved beneficial to both masters and operatives.

Steam on the Canals.

Since beginning the publication of the series of articles on Steam on the Erie Canal which appeared in recent issues of The Iron Age, we have received several letters requesting us to publish details of the trial trips of boats tested during the past two seasons, with tables of mileage, running time, fuel burned, &c. We regret our inability to comply with these requests.

The subject thus opened would be a broad one, and, as we are not disposed to make invidious discriminations, the privilege extended to one inventor of demonstrating by figures in our columns his claim to the State bounty, must needs be given to all who might choose to ask for it, and our space is limited. We have, beside, official warrant for believing that no boat entered for trial up to the close of last season succeeded in establishing an economy over boats towed by horses, all things considered, and if none succeeded it makes but little difference which boat did the best. There is, moreover, a difference of opinion as to which record makes the best showing, and in such reports as have been sent us we notice so much to suggest doubt, if not to invite disproof, that we could not do them justice without giving rise to what might become an interminable and profitless discussion. For the present the public are satisfied with the general fact that no boat yet tested has established a claim to the favorable consideration of the Board of Commissioners appointed under the act of 1871, and that, unless the Legislature shall extend the time for experiments, the coveted \$100,000, which so many inventors have already promised to divide with those who have furnished them capital, will remain securely locked up in some strong box in the State Treasury.

The Profit of Gold Mining.

The question of whether gold mining pays in the long run, is not a new one, but those who have asserted that it does not have usually supported their assumption by the most general and inconclusive arguments. A sample of this kind of reasoning is found in a paper lately read before the Farmer's Club of Oakland, Cal., by Dr. E. S. Carr, who affirms that every dollar of gold mined has cost a dollar and a half to mine it. Dr. Carr estimates that 50,000 men are engaged in gold mining in California alone, producing \$20,000,000 in 1872, and the labor of these men at \$2.50 per day is worth \$37,500,000 in a year. From this he reaches the conclusion that the difference between the value of the gold product and the value of the labor employed in producing it represents the net loss resulting from gold mining. The error in this reasoning is apparent. Of the 50,000 men engaged in gold mining in California about 23,000 are Chinamen, whose labor does not possess a market value of \$2.50 per day. Of the remaining 27,000 it is probable that not more than 25 per cent. employ their entire time in gold digging, and to the value of the gold product must be added the wealth annually created by the opening of new and productive sections to settlement, by increased trade and transportation, and by the growth of towns in mining districts. It is chiefly, if not wholly, because of gold mining that California has become a great, populous and wealthy State within the memory of the present generation, and to make the showing a fair one, a very large part of her accumulated wealth and annual production must be added to the \$20,000,000 which represents the yield of her gold mines. We do not believe that gold mining adds as much to the national wealth as iron mining in proportion to the capital invested and labor employed, but both are useful productive industries, and neither cost as much as they return.

The Thermometrical Averages of Past Winters.

The following table, compiled from the records of careful and accurate daily observations of the thermometer for a series of years, will be found interesting. We omit fractions of degrees in the monthly and general averages, adding one for all fractions above one-half.

	Monthly Average.			Average per month.
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
1864	31	26	35	30
1864-5	31	20	35	32
1865-6	39	21	27	27
1866-7	29	20	22	27
1867-8	26	22	18	22
1868-9	26	30	29	28
1869-70	30	33	26	30
1870-71	29	33	34	29
1871-72	29	25	25	25
1872-73	23	24	21	23

From this it will be seen that the past winter, so far as New York is concerned, has averaged much colder than any winter since 1864, with the single exception of that of 1867-8. This fact is quite in accordance with the average experience of the past season, and there is much cause for congratulation in the fact that the season of snow and ice, of obstructed travel and general discomfort, is so nearly over.

The Sheffield Telegraph says: The demand for coal in Sheffield, both for manufacturing and household purposes, is extraordinary, the colliery proprietors and agents having orders on their books which will take them some weeks to execute. So urgent in fact are the requirements of the public, that many firms have determined to reduce the pressure upon them by raising the price 1s. 6d. per ton to all but their regular customers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Iron Ores in the James River Valley, Va.

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 8, 1873.
To the Editor of The Iron Age:—As you take a lively interest in whatever relates to the increase and development of the great industry of which your journal is the representative, I desire, through your columns, to direct the attention of iron manufacturers to the supply of iron ores to be found in the James River Valley. The magnetic and brown hematite ores are the most abundant, and are to be found in immense quantities a short distance from this city, and within easy reach of the canal or railroad. There has been but little demand for these ores hitherto, and consequently they have been but slightly developed, though sufficiently so to establish the great extent and value of the deposits. These ores are of excellent quality, easily mined, and accessible to transportation by both rail and water.

There are but few iron works of any description in the James River Valley. Richmond and Lynchburg each have several foundries and rolling mills. Between this city and Richmond there are but two furnaces, and one above here now in operation. Of course, the present demand for ores is very small, and, in consequence, the price is low. Contracts may now be made with responsible parties to mine and deliver brown hematite ore on the bank of the canal for \$3 a ton. Magnetic ore would command something more. To any parties who may desire to invest in such iron properties, either for the purpose of erecting works or for mining the ores, this valley affords great attractions. The extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad down the James River Valley (which must be completed at an early day) will bring these iron ores within easy and cheap connection with the coal of the Kanawha Valley. The time is not distant when the iron properties of this valley, which can now be bought for such trifling sums, will be among the most valuable in the country.

Our people have neither the means nor the practical knowledge to embark extensively in such undertakings, and are looking abroad for those who will come and reap the harvest. As an indication of the interest felt by the city of Lynchburg on this subject, I send you with this a copy of a pamphlet (with large inclosed map of Virginia), entitled "Resources and Advantages of Lynchburg, Va., and tributary country, prepared and published by order of the city council of Lynchburg." I will also send a copy of this pamphlet to any one interested in this subject, who will write to me for it.

I will further add that our city council has adopted an ordinance exempting from taxation by the city, for ten years, all capital employed in new manufacturing enterprises.

W. B. ROBERTSON.

Scientific and Technical Notes.

Mr. Henry Elberg, of Terre Haute, is now exhibiting at St. Louis a working model of A NEW COAL MINING MACHINE.

It is run by compressed air, and requires the attention of only two men. It moves automatically on rails, and does the work known as "cutting under," and makes a groove only two inches wide. As operatives with the pick cannot work to the required depth without making a breach of eighteen inches, it saves a large percentage of coal from being worked into slack. The price of a full sized working machine is \$600.

Experiments have recently been made by Capt. Treve, at the Brest Foundry, France, on THE EFFECT OF MAGNETISM IN CASTING STEEL, which have determined that a condensation of the metal takes place under such circumstances, the grain becoming finer and closer. The mold in which the steel was cast was a large coil of stout wire, through which the electric current from a dozen Bunsen couples was passed during the whole period of cooling. But steel thus magnetized is found to be weaker than ordinary steel against tensile and crushing strains; and it is therefore suggested that means should be taken to protect cast steel from terrestrial magnetism during cooling.

Among the novelties which we glean from English scientific journals is

A THREE CYLINDER ENGINE.

In which the three cylinders are disposed round the crank-shaft at an angle of one hundred and twenty degrees to each other, each cylinder being provided with a deep but light piston, from which a connecting rod is led to the crank common to all. One of the connecting rods has a single eye at the crank end, while the two other rods are forked at that end, the fork of the one being wide enough to take hold of the pin outside the other, so that the center lines of the rods are all in the same plane. The cylinders are all open at their ends, and when the engine is at work the steam from the boiler has free access to the central space, so that it tends to force the three pistons outward uniformly. The admission of the steam to and its release from the outer ends of the three cylinders is effected by a single revolving slide-valve, which works against a face at one side of the central chamber, being carried around with the crank-shaft. As there is, necessarily, some throttling in the steam passages, particularly when the engine is running fast, the pressure of the steam at the outer ends of the cylinders never equals that in the central chamber, and hence the pistons are always forced outward.

A very interesting invention, lately developed by Mr. Brownell, of Hartford, relates to the PLATING OF METALS WITH NICKEL, GOLD OR SILVER.

He puts a thin plating of nickel or gold and silver to other metals, and then melts it in, so that, while the surface is of the color and char-

acter of the plating, the latter so permeates the main metal that it neither scales nor wears off. Nickel applied to the linings of boilers, to the sheathing of ships, to the coating inside and out of gun and pistol barrels, prevents oxidation, lime incrustations, or any detrimental soiling, while it keeps the surface smooth, clear and bright. The expense of this method of plating is only a quarter of one per cent. additional; and if, as seems quite certain, it proves practicable on a large scale, this mode of coating coarser metals with finer will find new and larger applications.

The American Gas Light Journal says that a course of experiments has been instituted by two Italian investigators, to determine

THE EFFECT OF DIFFERENT COLORED LIGHT UPON RESPIRATION.

The animal to be experimented upon was placed in an air tight box into which no light could penetrate except such as passed through glass of a given color. Air freed of carbonic acid was constantly admitted into the box, and escaped by a second opening, where it was passed through a vessel which contained some absorbent of carbonic acid, so that its amount could be accurately determined. Representing the quantity of carbonic acid respired by a dog in a given time, under white glass, by 100, the amount given off under black glass was 83.7; under violet, 87.73; under red, 92; under blue, 103.77; under green, 106.03; and under yellow, 126.83. The difference was still greater when the experiment was tried on a pigeon and on a hen. The authors came to the conclusion that green and yellow rays, which are the most important to the vegetable kingdom in taking up carbonic acid, are also most favorable to the respiration of animals—that is, enable them to give off the most carbonic acid.

A valuable invention for ECONOMIZING FUEL.

is described in the Sheffield and Rotherham (Eng.) Independent. It consists of a system for intensifying the heat of the heating furnaces employed by the steel making, tube rolling, and similar manufacturers, by the introduction of steam into the fire through brick chambers in solid bottomed grates. It has recently been adopted throughout Yorkshire, Lancashire, South Staffordshire and London. At the Earl of Dudley's iron works, in Staffordshire, a furnace has now begun to be used by which a saving of fuel to the extent of 10 cwt. to 13 cwt. upon every ton of iron produced is effected. Eight "heats" are brought out in the time usually consumed in making six heats. This is made possible by the adding to the furnace a heating chamber, in which the pig iron intended to be puddled is heated by the flames of the furnace on their way to the stack. At the same time that the consumption of fuel is reduced very considerably, the "yield" of puddled iron is considerably increased and the quality improved.

An Important IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON SAFES.

is said to have been made by Mr. J. F. Elwell, of Birmingham. The body is constructed of solid Staffordshire boiler plates, varying from a quarter to three-quarters of an inch in thickness. These plates have dovetails cut out all round the edges by the steam shears. They are then united into the square of the safe, and the dovetails are hammered out into a spread form. Beneath these dovetails, running all round inside the body of the safe, is strong angle iron, which is riveted through to the plates. The back is united in a similar way, therefore the whole of the body is dovetailed together. The deep chamber inside is filled with a mixture, in certain proportions, of sawdust and a chemical vaporizing compound. This renders the safe entirely fire-proof, the theory being that immediately the outer plates of the safe become red hot, this chemical liquefies, wetting the sawdust and giving off a vapor through the interior of the safe, rendering the whole contents unflammable. Mr. Elwell's patent principle for securing safety is very simple. It is merely a series of butt hinges, made of best malleable iron, of great strength. Half the hinge is secured to the door, and the corresponding half to the body of the safe. As the door closes these hinges (or "lugs") close into each other, and by one turn of the knob as in any ordinary safe, a steel bolt 6 inches long, 3/4ths of an inch diameter, is shot through every lug, these bolts being fixed by turning the key of the patent lock, which acts on the stop of the throws. Thus the safe is immovably pinned together all round. Instead of the bolts depending on the body for strength, as in all previously constructed safes, they give strength and solidity to it. It is evident that to pry or force the sides, top, or bottom would simply be an impossibility, as the wedge, the crowbar, and all lever force is entirely deprived of action. The doors are made of two solid boiler plates, of great strength, intersected with a chilled steel plate throughout, rendering them drill proof. The "lugs" are fastened to the door and body with an amount of strength which would resist almost any amount of force were it possible to apply it to them, and none of these fastenings come through the outside.

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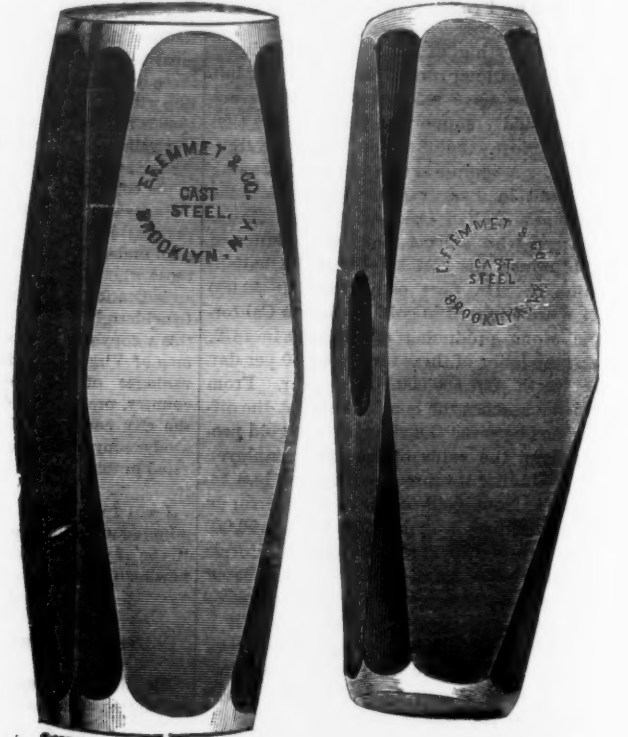
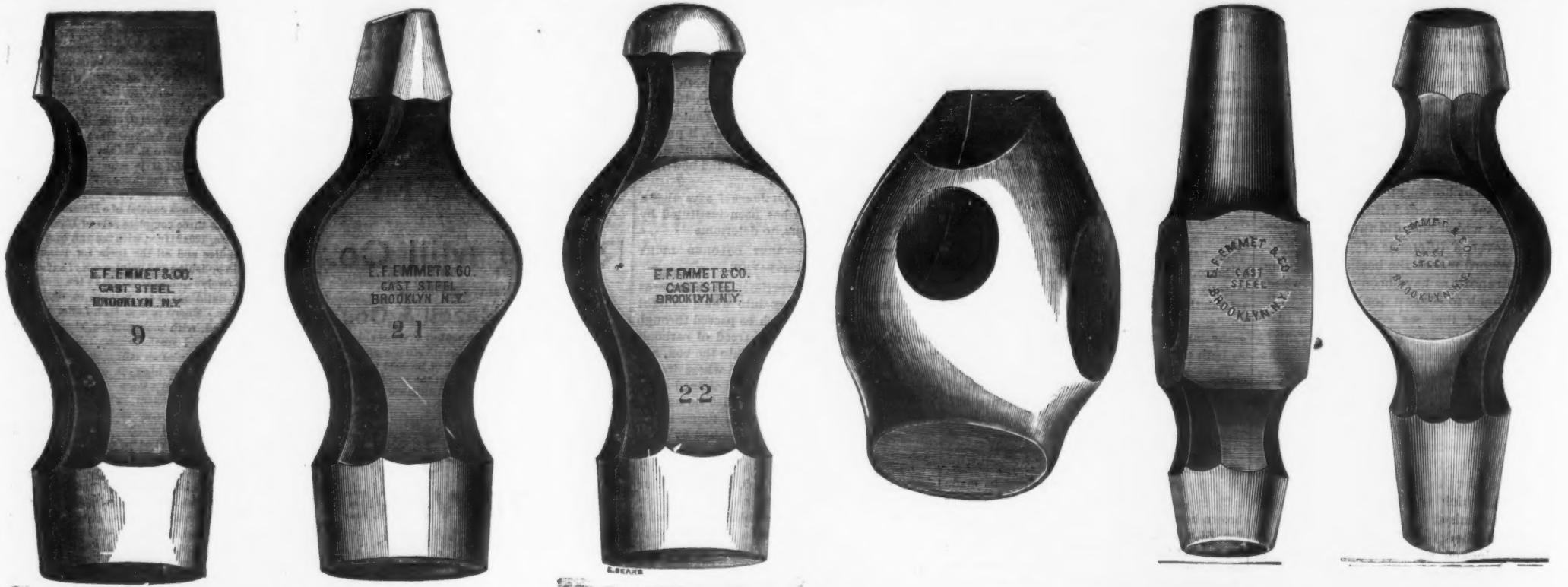
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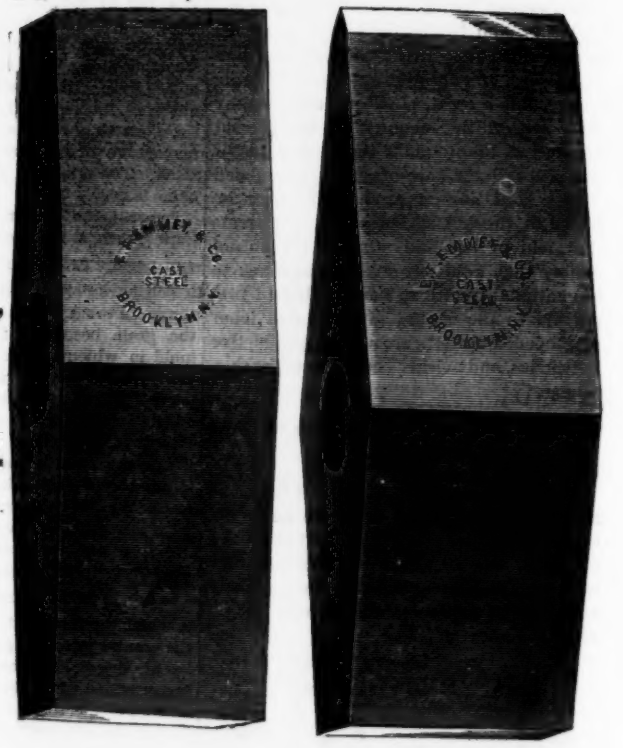
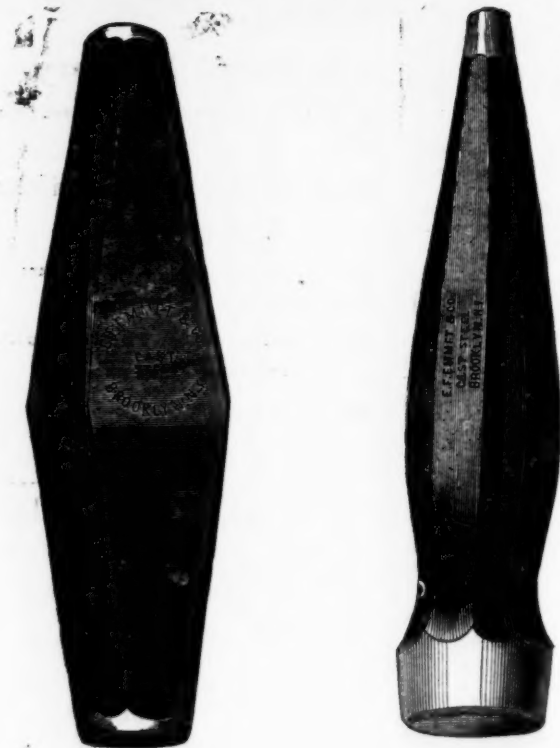
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Review of the British Iron, Hardware, and Coal Trades.

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If you have any spare poetic genius, or superabundant talent, on your side of the Atlantic, I would recommend that it be instantly employed in the composition of a soul-stirring parody on the well-known lines—"Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink!"—said parody to have coal for its theme. You cannot possibly conceive how popular such an embodiment of universal sentiment would be. I am afraid you don't appreciate coal fires in the States. You have never known what a cheerful blaze of coal at 52s per ton will give out, and I am afraid you will never sufficiently approve my truthful candor, when I say that we Britishers feel a glow of warm feeling and cheerful pride in contemplating the proudly-recorded fact that our coals are to be found in all quarters of the globe. Does it matter one jot to us that our own poor are starving, really starving, because they cannot get fuel at reasonable prices? Not at all. If British commerce be extended and upheld, and free trade be scrupulously observed, what matters it? Obviously nothing. We have an immense surplus population—and, as a matter of course, the poor must expect to go to the wall first—so says the rich coal owner and money-making coal merchant. With the general public it is different, and, further, it is becoming desperate. In London the recent great advances are most seriously felt. Coals are being sold there now at from 42s. (lowest price) to 50s. per statute ton of 20 cwt. Derbyshire and South Yorkshire coals realize the average figures, and Walsend, which professes to come from the Newcastle district, commands the top price. Some people, I think, rather too strongly excited ones, think that 42s per ton will yet be reached on the London Coal Exchange, and assert that orders can hardly be booked under 43s for future delivery. I must beg to differ from these pessimists. It would pay at 43s per ton to import French, Belgium, or even American coals—in fact, it is rumored that some capitalists have already arranged to import very heavy quantities from Belgium. The medical officer for the Marylebone district—not, I may say, one of the poorest in London—in his health report, says that, owing to the present high price of coal, the district is suffering from great privations. He says that "at the best, of times they get but a scanty supply of nourishing food to create animal heat, and, with the present low temperature, ill-clad and practically without fires to warm them, it seems almost too much to hope that the amount of animal heat necessary to sustain life can very long be maintained." Poor people are driven to desperate measures. Some have stolen fuel, and when brought up at the police courts have told honest straightforward stories, which have moved the representatives of the blind goddess to reduce the penalties to the lowest possible figures. In Lancashire the cotton trade is beginning to be seriously affected, and in some of the iron districts the price of fuel tends to greatly limit transactions. In the North of England some 300 puddling furnaces are this week being damped out, that number being equal to one-seventh of all the puddling furnaces in the district. One of the many collieries near Sheffield is sending every ton it produces into Egypt, and another firm, not far from this town, are said to be clearing over £120,000 per annum! Report speaks—and I hardly doubt its credibility—of profits of over one million pounds sterling made last year by a nobleman who has the good fortune to be a mine owner! At Jarrow, on Wednesday last, Messrs. Palmer blew out one of their blast furnaces, it being impossible to work it, save at a considerable loss. The railway companies suffer pretty heavily by this impost. Last week the chairman of the South-Western Railway Company, speaking at the half-yearly meeting, said he "began to think that coal was perfectly a luxury. The increased prices would cause considerable embarrassment to various trades and manufactures, and great privation to the lower classes. If some check could not be put on it, millions of persons must be thrown out of employment. If ever there was a case for government interference, this was one. If this state of things was allowed to go on, the prosperity of the country would be destroyed." Most people would endorse this opinion, if asked. An export duty appears to be the most feasible remedy, but it is thought that this country is, by its commercial treaties, precluded from imposing any such duty until the expiration of the treaties in 1876. If this be so, and I believe I am correct in saying it is, it behooves the government to take some steps in the matter. I am afraid, nevertheless, that Mr. Gladstone is far too deeply engaged in cleansing his vainly imagined to be the Irish anguished state of religious inequality, to be touched by the actual and heart-rending misery existing within three miles of his London residence. At Nottingham a mass-meeting of workmen has been called to consider the alarming increase in the price of fuel, coal having gone up 2s. or 3s. per ton in one week. On Saturday last Mr. Philip Casey, one of the secretaries to the South-Yorkshire Miners' Association, which numbers some fourteen thousand or fifteen thousand members, spoke at Sheffield, and his remarks are a good report to the subject. I give them, at some length. He observed that in 1863 he was receiving 11½d. per ton for coal produced, and had to pay his own filler and trammer out of that amount. Since that time, he believed the miners had got something like 37½ per cent. over that sum, and the total advance had been about 50 per cent., or 1s. 6d. per ton. He wanted those present to understand that it was not the miners who had got such short-hand advances on coal. The advance gained by the miners was upon a thing like 6d. per ton, and if 1s. per ton was added for the other men, he fearlessly asserted that that would cover the advance the colliers had received in this district. It was reported that the miners were making 10s. a day, and no doubt some were making that sum, but many were making a deal less, and when coals had been advanced from 4s. 6d. or 5s. to 15s., 16s., and 21s. per ton, at the pit mouth, the coal owners must be getting the lion's share. The coal supply was not equal to the demand, and in consequence, the owners had been able to push it up to its present price, and they could scarcely wonder at it. The demand had been so great that vendors had offered 4s. per ton over the published price if the coal-owners would supply them, and they said, "We should be foolish if we did not accept it." The colliers of this district had had an advance of 37½ per cent. per ton; but 37½ per cent. upon 1s. or 1s. 4d. per ton was very different from 150 per cent. upon 1s. or 6s. per ton obtained by the coal owners. Those present must not be surprised if the colliers "went in" for another advance, in a week or two, for they believed it belonged to them, fairly, and they ought to have it. It was not the increase in the wages of colliers that caused the present high prices. It was a fearful thing to think that 50s. per ton should be paid for coals in London, when they cost 21s. per ton at the pit mouth, and the carriage was 8s. per ton. The coal merchants of London realized a profit of 21s. per ton upon all they sold; and he ventured to state that such a thing was monstrous. It was a position in which the combination of circumstances had placed these men, and they were doing their utmost to make the best of it.

The following figures will enable you to form some idea of the export trade of the United Kingdom: They presented a decided diminution in January, having amounted in that month to 799,227 tons, as compared with 842,328 tons in January, 1872, and 559,690 tons in January, 1871. In these totals France figured for 206,217 tons, against 253,630 tons and 105,677 tons respectively; but the exports to Germany in January were only 40,174 tons, against 36,836 tons and 21,880 tons respectively. The exports increased in January to Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland and British India; but they decreased to Russia, France, Spain, Italy and Brazil. The value of the coal exported from the United Kingdom in January was extraordinarily heavy, being £334,598, as compared with £269,628 in January, 1872, and £280,671 in January, 1871. In these totals France figured for £205,235, £124,101 and £17,341, respectively.

In Northumberland there are 164 collieries, and in Durham 140, a total of 304. In 1871—the returns for 1872 not being yet available, these pits sent out 29,190,913 tons, which was thus disposed of: Coal exported to foreign countries, 6,230,567 tons; coal exported to foreign countries, 289,314 tons—computed as coal, 482,190 tons; coal sent coastwise, 5,355,737 tons; coal sent coastwise, 19,035 tons—computed as coal, 31,675 tons; coal carried from these coalfields by railway, 6,237,002 tons; coke carried from these coalfields by railway for local and land sale, 2,161,030 tons—computed as coal, 3,021,709 tons; coke carried south of London, 1,182,100 tons—computed as coal, 1,979,396 tons; coal and coke for railway use, the coke computed as coal, 591,779 tons; colliery consumption estimated at 1,450,000 tons; domestic consumption and coal used in local manufactures, 3,250,000 tons; total, 29,190,913 tons. It will thus be seen that the requirements of foreign countries absorb more fuel than any other source of demand. Coal sent coastwise is another formidable item, the metropolis being the chief consumer. From the Tyne alone, in 1871, 2,354,213 tons of coal were forwarded to other parts of the empire, while Sunderland sent out 1,067,951 tons. When the returns for 1872 are issued they will, doubtless, show a very large increase even upon these bulky figures, which help to demonstrate why it is that the supply has so suddenly fallen below the demand, causing the present famine prices.

The Welsh strike is somewhat more shaky than when I last wrote you. Yesterday (Monday) morning, the 4000 men employed by Messrs. Brogden, at Llyndy and Ogmore Works, resumed work, terms being that the men work at a five per cent. reduction until March 1st; from March 1st to March 29th, at the old rate of wages; and from March 31st to July 5th, at five per cent. advance upon the December rate. This, as a matter of course, in no way effects the other iron masters, but, as a precedent, I expect to see a pretty general movement in the same direction. On Saturday, 8000 pounds were brought into Merthyr by the agents of the miners' union, but that sum, when divided amongst so many, is a miserable pittance. The London trade council, the South Yorkshire unions and other trades organizations, support the men, but it may be judged how bad is the case, when I say that of 10,000 miners who struck only 7000 were unionists, and of 50,000 iron workers only 3000 were entitled to support from the amalgamated association of iron workers. It is saying a good deal for the men, when it is recorded that they, disorganized as they are, have been able to "stand" a five weeks' strike. No doubt your daily papers have given full and exhaustive reports of the struggle, in which belief I shall confine myself more particularly to its business aspect. At Cyfrithfa the furnaces are damped out; do. at Dowlais; Plymouth and Penydarren are quite inoperative; Blaenau and Abersychan are utterly deserted, and the other larger works—such as Blaenau—are doing nothing at all. Little or no trade is being done in South Wales, except in coal and tin plates. From Newport (Monmouthshire), in January, 19,639 tons of coal were exported for foreign and 42,377 coastwise. The iron exports were these: 780 tons of rails to Gotenburg, 300 tons to Lisbon, 1467 to Montevideo, 2380 to New York, and 3318 tons to New Orleans. The Landore Siemens Steel Works are making tolerably heavy exports of rails to New York. The coal traffic to London during January, from the South Wales pits, was 31,385 tons, an increase of 4500 tons over December last. There, as elsewhere, are on the rise, going up as they do in flying leaps of 2s. and 3s.

Elsewhere there are a good many labor disputes. In South Staffordshire the 10,000 colliers employed in the South and West of Dudley gave notice, a short time back, for a shilling per day advance. The masters offered sixpence advance, which has been accepted on the condition that if an advance in the price of coal be made the men will demand a full rise—much more, they say, than 1s. per day. On Saturday the horse nail and common nail makers of East Worcestershire and South Staffordshire gave notice of an advance of 3d. per 1000 on horse nails and 10 per cent. on list prices for common nails. The Tyne tug owners have struck, owing to the ship owners declining to grant their higher terms, and consequently shipping transactions at that river are somewhat hampered. At Edinboro' the printers' strike has terminated in favor of the employers, and the men have resumed work on the 24 hours weekly basis, after a 13 weeks' fight. Some departments of the civil service are agitating for advanced salaries; the Sheffield scissor grinders ask for 30 per cent. rise, and will probably get it, the number of men in the trade being carefully limited by the trade union, who have for some time past declined to admit any apprentices, except under most stringent conditions. Before quitting the subject of strikes, I may say that on Friday afternoon last a conference of South Staffordshire and North of England ironmasters was held in the Cannon Street Hotel, London, in order to discuss the position of employers with respect to the strike movement. Several suggestions were made, but it was deemed advisable to take time for consideration before taking any practical action in the matter; the conference therefore stands adjourned sine die.

The general tone of the iron trade is very firm, with a tendency to stiffer prices. Prices of Scotch ought now to have reached their maximum, seeing that the production is being increased weekly by the blowing in of additional blast furnaces. Shipments again show a falling off. The malleable iron trade is still very slack, many of the works being only partially employed. Plenty of inquiries are to be had from Canada, but rather than make iron at a loss in Scotland, some firms are purchasing at £11. 5s. to £13 in Staffordshire.

The Cleveland returns show that the make of pig fell off 3000 tons in January, the total being 164,125 tons, and stocks decreased from about 40,000 to 34,000. The coastwise shipments also decreased, but foreign shipments increased over 7000 tons. In the face of these facts it is not surprising to learn that the Cleveland (Middleboro') market is very firm; No. 3 being quoted at £1 and No. 4 Forge at 15s. 6d. Messrs. Jacques, South Stockton, have just started another "Danks" puddling machine. Messrs. Grover & Ellis' improvements in fettling (with ironstone instead of sand and clivres) are being tried at Skerne Iron Works, Darlington, and are said to reduce the cost of that process 6s. per ton. There are numerous inquiries for rails on account of home and foreign lines, and general merchant trade is in good request for present wants. Last month 11,000

tons of pig were exported from this district to Belgium, 3000 to Holland, 6000 to France; and 27,000 tons went in smaller lots elsewhere. Rails were also shipped—300 tons to Cardenas; 600 tons to New York; 400 tons to Galveston; 750 tons pipes to Malleendo and plates to Antwerp. Current prices are: Puddled bars, £9. 5s.; rails, £12. 10s. to £13; common bars, light rails, and nail rods, £13 to £13. 10s.; best bars, cable iron, rivet iron, angle, and bulb iron, £13. 10s. to £14; ship plates, £14. 10s. to £15; best best bars, £5 to £15. 10s.; hoops, £15. 10s. to £16; boiler plates, £16. 10s. to £17; sheets (singles), £17 to £17. 10s.; cast girders, £10 to £11; pipes, 24 in. to 1½ in. diameter, £9. 5s. to £11; chairs, £9 to £9. 10s.; wrought girders, £20 to £21; bolts and nuts, £20 to £26 per ton; but the prices asked are generally 20s. per ton more for the principal articles of manufacture. At Barrow-in-Furness, in West Cumberland, at Carnforth, Cleator Moor, Maryport, Whitehaven, etc., great activity is observable, the whole of the iron and steel works being fully employed, a good deal of railway iron going thence to America. At Whitehaven and Barrow nearly 10,000 tons of iron strips are being put together, and the engineering establishments are in full work. Borings for coal are being made at Harcourt and Rampside.

In West Yorkshire prices have become very firm, pigs having a tendency to go up several shillings. Best brands of iron, such as Low Moor, Bowling, Taylor's, Farley Co's, Kirkstall, Forge and Monk Bridge have gone up about 2s. per ton—prices being more a question of delivery than anything else. The engineering and machinery making establishments in this district, as well as in the adjoining South Yorkshire locality, are well employed. The Sheffield steel houses are, as a rule, busy, the larger firms being still some months in arrears. New orders are, however, not by any means so good as those of June or July last. America is one of the best customers of a fresh advance of finished iron having been drawn to the peculiar qualities of the Mushet special tool steel (or tungsten steel) made by Messrs. S. Osborne & Co., Sheffield, I subjoin a cutting on the subject from *Iron* (an English paper newly started). "M. Gruner, Inspector General of Mines in France, has made special examination, and states Mushet's special steel to be a true alloy of iron and tungsten, containing nearly 8 per cent. of the latter element. Such an alloy has been well known since 1855; and ten years ago MM. Gruner and Lan published the results of all knowledge then possessed, from which we learn that, up to the proportion of 3 per cent., tungsten increases both the hardness and tenacity of steel; but beyond that proportion the tenacity decreases, while the hardness continues to increase. With 6 per cent. a bar of steel became as brittle as glass. The question thus arises, by what process this defect is remedied in the preparation of Mushet's special steel. This M. Gruner believes to be the use of a very pure steel, made from a very superior quality of iron; tungsten being reduced with cemented steel made from the finest Swedish brands of iron. This, at least, is the process now and for a long time followed at the Maisons-Alfort ironworks for the manufacture of tungsten steel, by M. Mazeline fils and his predecessor, M. Micolon, at St. Etienne."

There is still a good trade doing in steel rails, lines and other railway requirements, but some of the cutlery branches are slack. As chronicled above, a wages' dispute is probable in the scissor department. The American houses are particularly slack just now. Edge tools are in request, and the armor plate mills continue fairly busy. Files and saws are yet inquired for, and the sheep shear makers are doing a good stroke with Australia, New Zealand and South America.

The Wolverhampton and Birmingham districts are free advance of finished iron has taken place, this time to the extent of 20s. per ton. Earl Dudley and Messrs. Barrows took the lead and the remainder of the trade have followed. Earl Dudley's bars are now £14. 13s. 6d., and Messrs. Barrows, £14. 10s. Single sheets are realizing £19, that being the quotation of J. Bradley & Co., Cookley Iron Co., Messrs. Baldwin, The Hope Co., Thompson & Hatton, and Messrs. Sparrow. The Bilston Iron Co. still quote £18, but all makers fight shy of very large orders, owing to the present difficulty of obtaining fuel. Several fuel economizing contrivances are being tried in the district, one or two of which have proved fairly successful. The Birmingham gun trade is improving for cheap work, and a good demand has set in from the United States. Messrs. Grubb & Co.'s representative (from Philadelphia) has just been in Birmingham, and has placed some good orders for guns. Mr. Richards, of J. P. 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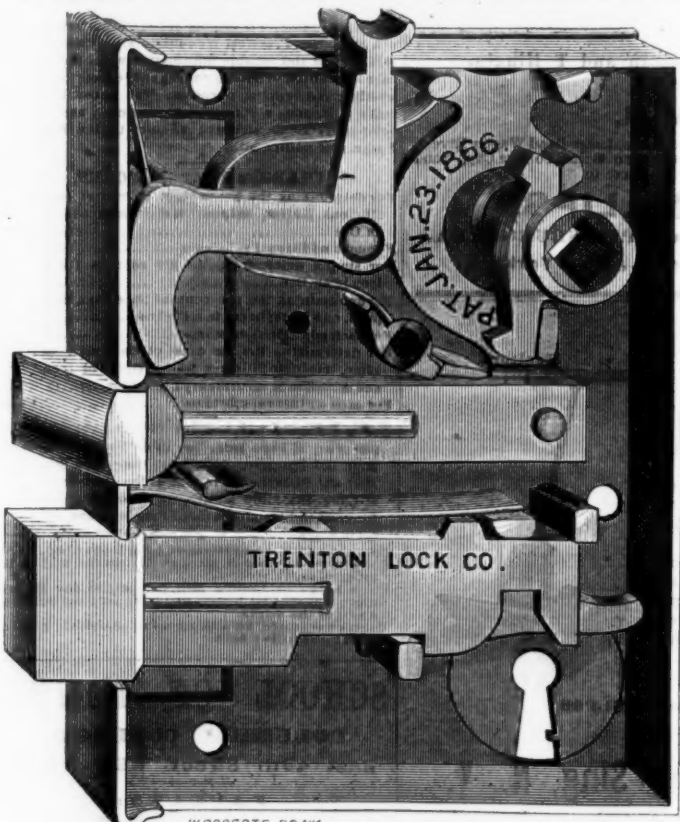
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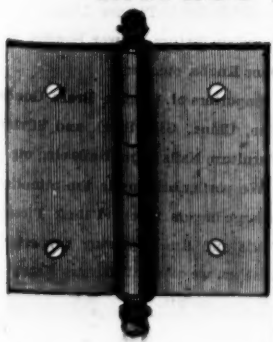
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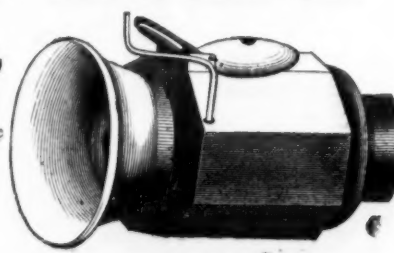
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Water Meters.

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Few topics of a mechanical character have been more bewritten with diminutive results than that indicated by the caption of this article. Every large city in the civilized world has been compelled to provide works for the supply of water to its denizens. Sometimes, as in New York, this has been done by the municipality; sometimes, as in London, by private companies. In either case the difficulty of setting a check on consumption has acted as a premium on waste. Twenty years ago the report of the Croton Board (New York city) called attention to the fact that "a very great proportion of the water placed at the disposal of the consumer is used for no valuable or practical purpose." During the intervening period scores of inventions designed to measure the flow of water from the branch pipes of the mains and from the faucets of buildings have been devised. Of these, perhaps one in ten possessed merit enough to entitle it to thorough trial, but not one in fifty has secured any permanent foothold, as far as extended use or general introduction is concerned. But even the poorest of them would have saved at least a portion of the 60 per cent. of the water supply which is calculated to be the proportion of annual loss. Even this, high as it is, is probably below the actual ratio. An estimate made some ten years since, and based upon returns from six of the principal cities in the United States, showed the average actual cost to the city to be 8 mills per hundred gallons, while the average charges to consumers were 32 mills to the hundred gallons—the difference indicating the presumed difference between the quantity used and that supplied. But despite this high ratio of water rates, the water boards of most cities have, at one time or another, suggested the use of meters—a remark especially applicable to Chicago, where the expense of water raising and distribution resolves itself into a question of coal and steam engine repairs, and is, therefore, pretty accurately known. It may be remarked, in passing, that a surplus of water has been known to produce some notable and unlooked for results, as, for instance, in Glasgow, where the opening of the Loch Katrine water works is said to have reduced the consumption of soap to the extent of a quarter million dollars of our money the first year.

I am not now speaking in favor of any particular meter—not even in favor of any particular system. After having examined many models, I am decidedly of the opinion that not one meets all the requirements of a perfect meter, and I doubt very much whether any one can be suited to all conditions of water measurement. The apparatus that will measure accurately under a uniform head will fail under a variable pressure.

The small device fitted for a dwelling will scarcely, in its construction, suit the requirement of the three, four or six inch pipe leading to a dye works, paper factory, or like industrial establishment. Considered merely with reference to their uses, water-meters, if ever permanently and widely introduced, will probably be classified for streams of, say, one-half inch diameter, for ordinary faucets and the like; those for pipes ranging from one to two inches diameter, and used in the supply of tenement houses and hotels, where measurement for each particular outlet would be impossible, and for steam boilers requiring more than the smaller pipe could supply; and those of the greater size required by manufactories, etc. Mechanically considered, the most available varieties of meters are the dumping meter, in which a vessel of known capacity is automatically filled and tilted to pour out its contents thus measured; the rotary meter, in which vanes or wings, either spiral or radial, moving on a central axis, are acted upon by the flow of water, a certain amount of flow through a space of known diameter producing one revolution of the device; and the piston meter, in which a piston is moved to and fro in a cylinder, by water admitted alternately at its opposite ends, in a manner similar to the action of steam in an ordinary engine, the capacity of the cylinder, minus the space occupied by the piston, being the measure of the water admitted and expelled at each stroke of the latter. The moving parts in each one are connected with simple clock-work mechanism moving under fingers arranged in due relation to dial plates, to record, as the case may be, the tiltings of the dumping vessels, the revolutions of the vanes or stroke of the piston.

In the adaptation of meters to the various conditions of water measuring, I am disposed to think that a somewhat bulky, but efficient, device for faucet use could be constituted by combining the ordinary spring or closing faucet with a dumping device, the former preventing neglect to shut off the flow when not required; the latter measuring the quantity actually used. This apparatus would be independent of the head. For the second-class of uses, the rotary meter, although not the most accurate, works with less friction than the piston meter, and would, all things considered, probably be preferable. The range of improvement, real or alleged, is greater in this than in any other kind of meters, for we have only to reverse the action of almost any rotary pump, and fit it with a registering mechanism, to convert it into a very tolerable rotary water meter. So also with a rotary steam engine: fit it with an index device, and turn a flow of water instead of steam through it, and the transformation is complete. Rotary water meters possess one advantage over others, in the facility with which their most important parts can be shaped, by turning in a lathe either of special or ordinary construction.

For the larger pipes, two to six inches in diameter, I should recommend a piston meter, especially if the flow have any material degree

of pressure; for when of large size the friction in proportion to the volume of water passed, is much diminished. On these there is some chance of profitably employing a modification to which, thus far, I have not referred. This is the differential meter so called, in which small but ascertained proportion of the flow is diverted to a measuring and recording device, to be taken as an indication from which the entire volume passed may be calculated.

These remarks have been called forth as a *propos* at the present time, when even the New York city charter is sought to be made the means of securing the adoption of a special and particular meter, a matter which, it may be readily inferred from the foregoing, seems to me impolitic and contrary to the best interests of the public, and to the great number of inventors who have devised methods more or less complete for water measurement. No meter is exact in its work, but for all practical purposes a close approximation to accuracy is sufficient. This is given by more than one or two of the meters now before the public, and it would be well if a certain standard of efficiency were established, and each water consumer left to select a meter for himself, provided it gave a reasonably accurate return of the volume passed through it.

A Peruvian Railroad.

A correspondent of the *Boston Globe*, writing of the Oroya Railroad, in Peru, says:

San Bartolome, forty-six miles from Lima, is another station. Its only importance is, that here the great retrograde to gain elevation is made; for the road, after running back a short distance, only returns some eight hundred feet above. As there is not room to make a sweeping curve, the road forms a V, at the apex of which is a turntable. Shortly before reaching this the engine is uncoupled, and, running on the table, is reversed. It then runs along on a side track to a switch, and by this backs down to what is the rear of the train, which now becomes the front. Between San Bartolome and Luro, a distance of ten miles, the great labor of the enterprise has to be performed, there being fifteen hundred feet of bridging and twelve hundred feet of tunnelling between these places. To give you some idea of the magnitude of this enterprise, I will describe the bridge that spans the Agua de Verrugas, a wild torrent that runs through a picturesque glen situated some 12,000 feet above the level of the sea.

This extraordinary bridge was constructed by the Baltimore Bridge Company, and its dimensions have attracted general notice. It is remarkable for being the highest of its kind in the world, and for surpassing all others of the same class in its perfect system of bracings and connections. It is a viaduct structure, consisting of four deck spans, of the Fink truss type, three of which are 110 feet long, and the fourth and central span being 125 feet long. These spans rest on piers formed of wrought iron columns, and these piers are fifty feet long by fifteen wide on top. These piers are the principal features of interest, and are respectively 145 feet, 252 feet, and 187 feet. They each consist of twelve legs, forming a rectangle.

Transversely, the pier has the appearance of an inverted W; two legs batter in and two out. The outer legs have a batter of one foot in twelve, and the inner are inclined so as to make the above-mentioned shape. There are three of these W's in the pier, each containing four legs, making twelve in all. One of the most interesting features of this gigantic structure is the raising. The piers are raised within themselves, tier upon tier, the only power used in drawing up the material being a common windlass. The entire viaduct is five hundred and seventy-five feet long, and is not only the mode of crossing best adapted to the situation, but it is also the cheapest that could there be used.

Meeting of the American Rail Manufacturers' Association.—A meeting of the American Rail Manufacturer's Association was held on Friday last, in Philadelphia. Mr. Geo. R. Wood was appointed chairman, and P. E. Chase, secretary. The draft of a constitution was read and adopted, and the secretary was directed to place it before all the owners of rail mills in the country, with the request that they sign it. Letters were read from various members of the association approving of the new organization. The proposed constitution of the American Iron and Steel Association was read for information. The secretary was requested to visit or correspond with all the rail mills of the United States, to obtain full and complete information regarding them, and have the same ready to report to the next meeting. A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of five for the purpose of securing concert of action among all the associations of the country representing the iron and steel interests, and bringing about the formation, under proper rules, of an organized combination thereof. S. M. Felton, E. Y. Townsend, Joseph Wharton, W. C. Cox, and A. J. Dull were appointed the committee. Adjourned to meet at the call of the committee.

It is proposed to form a joint stock company in Virginia, to be known as the Echols Iron Company, for mining and selling ore, and manufacturing.

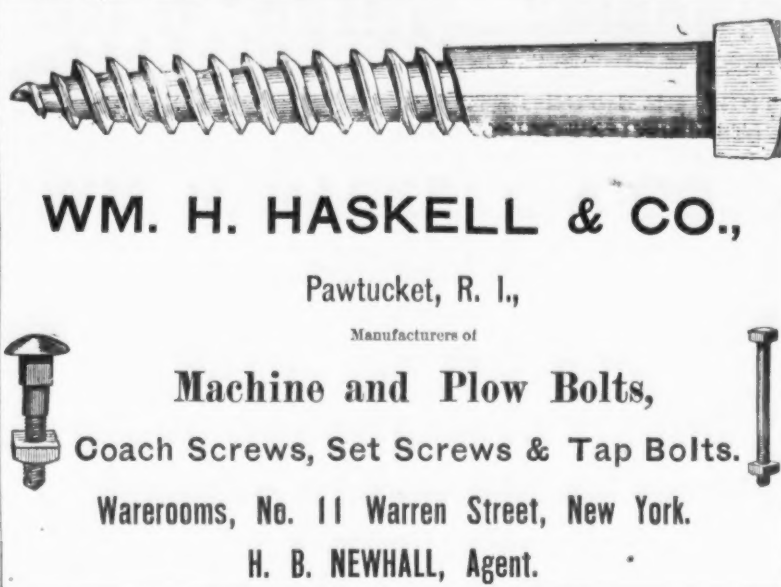
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Schmidt, Kusterman & Co's. Tin Review

(Translated for The Iron Age.)

PENANG, January 18, 1873.—Tin.—Soon after the last mail had been dispatched, a declining tendency manifested itself, and nothing could be done except to meet a speculative inquiry for India at \$34.50 @ \$34 per picul. Subsequently, however, a better demand sprang up for Europe and the United States at \$35, to be followed by a relapse into apathy, winding up with sales at \$34.50 @ \$34.90. While finishing our dispatches, the market is again firmer at \$35 per picul. There are speculative holders of large amounts of tin kept out of the market. Exchange has been rising, and finally declining again; 4, 5, bank and commercial, six months sight.

Rautenberg, Schmidt & Co's. Singapore Metal and Coal Review.

(Translated for The Iron Age.)

SINGAPORE, January 16, 1873.—Iron is quiet, and without dealings. Tin is coming in in moderate quantities, and there being a brisk demand, prices are on the rise at \$35 @ \$35.75 per picul, equal to \$140 14 @ \$143 15 per ton, cost and freight. The market closes firm. Of Coal, considerable arrivals have taken place, but the offerings are, nevertheless, sparing. Sales are reported of 1500 tons Cardiff at \$11 per ton, 3 months, and subsequently 1350 tons at \$11.75, 3 months.

Siemsson & Co's. Shanghai Metal and Coal Review.

(Translated for The Iron Age.)

SHANGHAI, January 2, 1873.—Metals have been on the whole rather quiet, although European telegraphic accounts ought to produce a different state of affairs. The quotations are the following, nominal ones: Best Dawes Nail Iron, 3-45 to 3-60 tals; common brands, 3-15 to 3-20; Rod Iron, 3-20 to 3-30. L. B. Lead, 4-85 tals, cash. Tin Plates neglected, and nominally 8 tals. English Quicksilver, 75½ tals; California, 79 to 80. Coal.—The market is dull, as heretofore, and the sales are insignificant: Cardiff, 9-75 tals; English, 9-50; American, 9-50; Sydney, 9-25; Newcastle (New South Wales), 8-80 @ 8-90; Japanese, 4-75; Formosa, 5 per ton.

The Rhenish Metal Market.

(Translated for The Iron Age from the "Frankfurter Zeitung.")

COLOGNE (PRUSSIA), 16 Feb. 1873.—Copper and Tin have remained quiet, but firm, while a lively demand continued to prevail for both Lead and Spelter. We quote Scotch Pig Iron 29½ @ 33 thalers; English, 24½ @ 25½; Banca Tin, 51; Billiton, 50; Lamb, 50; and Copper, 81 @ 83. All other metals unchanged.

The Dutch Tin Market.

(Translated for The Iron Age from the "Frankfurter Zeitung.")

AMSTERDAM, 18 Feb. 1873.—There has been great quietness in Tin during the week, and but a couple of hundred slabs Banca were taken on the spot, at 85 guilders, at which there are more sellers. Nothing is doing in Billiton, which may be had at 83 @ 83½ on the spot, and ex Feb. sale at Batavia, loading there per steamer, it can be bought at 82½, and afloat, soon due, at 83 guilders.

The Belgian Metal Situation.

(Translated for The Iron Age from the "Frankfurter Zeitung.")

LIEGE, February 15, 1873.—Notwithstanding the exorbitant prices which have been reached both by coal and cokes, it seems that consumption is unrestrained, the demand exceeding production all along, and the tendency of prices remains a rising one. Pig Iron is exceedingly scarce, and some particular brands are in great request. It is different, however, as regards rails and wrought iron. The rail manufacturers suffer from the extreme rates which the raw material now commands, and the same relates to other branches, paralyzed from the same cause. A colossal movement of emigration is developing in our midst, and will have a detrimental effect upon Tin production, now already put to a great stress by reason of a short supply of hands to work the mines.

Metal Matters on the Belgian Frontier.

(Translated for The Iron Age from the "Frankfurter Zeitung.")

CHARLEROI, February 15, 1873.—Metals.—The demand for Pig Iron is not brisk just at present, consumers restricting their purchases to the immediately indispensable, in hopes, as they are, that prices will give way shortly. Producers, on the other hand, cling to prevailing rates with the utmost tenacity, and one of the works has made several contracts at 19 francs. Wrought Iron is steady at 32 francs as a basis, but this cannot be got with ease in all cases. Tin Plates.—A large business is growing up, and a rise of some importance seems to be impending. It will not last long, and we shall have risen above 40 francs. Coals are as firm as ever, although there has been a falling off in the demand for some kinds. Cannel coal is in great demand.

Arnold, Karberg & Co's. Chinese Metal Review.

(Condensed for The Iron Age.)

HONG KONG, Jan. 8, 1873.—Metals.—Although business in this line has been quiet, prices have been well sustained, and the tendency at the close is a decidedly firmer one. Stocks are not large and holders are consequently reserved, the following quotations being more nominal than anything else: Nails, Iron, \$3.50 to \$3.90; Rod Iron, English, \$3.50 to \$3.65; Swedish, \$4.10 to \$4.40; Hoop Iron, \$4.60 to \$4.80; Iron Wire, \$7.20 to \$8 per picul; Steel, \$4 to \$4.60 per tub; Common Lead, \$6.20 to \$6.30; L. B., \$6.35 to \$6.40; W. B., \$6.50 to \$6.60 per picul; Spelter, \$35 to \$36 per picul; Tin Plates, \$9 to \$10 per box; Quicksilver, English, \$98.50 to \$99; California, \$99.50 to \$100 per picul. Sales: 435 piculs Nail Iron, 568 Hoop, 100 Iron Wire, 60 piculs Common Lead, 400 L. B., 100 piculs Spelter, 250 cases Tin plates, and 60 piculs English and 400 piculs California Quicksilver.

The Dutch Tin Market.

(Translated for The Iron Age from the "Nederlandsche Courant.")

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 18, 1873.—Tin.—Quiet is the predominant feature of our market, and but a few transactions took place on the spot at \$35.50 and \$35 guilders, for Banca.

The Chili Copper Market.

(D. Shuttle & Co's Review Condensed for The Iron Age.)

VALPARAISO, Jan. 31, 1873.—Copper Bars.—A lively business has been done in this article in consequence of the more favorable advices from England. There prevails great competition to buy, which circumstance enabled holders to raise their price to \$19½ per quintal, cash on shore here. For Lots and Urmeneta, \$20 per quintal, free on board, has been paid. Sales, 31,382 quintals. The market closes firm, but nothing is offered. Regulus had been rather

neglected, and only during the last few days holders succeeded in getting 10c per quintal more than the figure we quoted in our last. Transactions embrace 39,500 quintals. Ores.—No sales. We quote nominally \$3¼ @ 3½ per 25 per cent.

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	1869	1870	1871	1872
Quintals	1,211,300	1,084,706	939,510	1,022,333
Export Dec. 31.	170,923	92,838	126,229	89,586
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	1,411,283	1,207,383	1,067,114	1,162,423

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Charles Thoree & Co's. Japanese Metal Prices Current.

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 22, 1873.—Metals.—Sales of N. R. Iron only to be reported.

	Deliveries.	Stock.
	piculs.	piculs.
Iron Flat and Round	\$4.00 to 4.70	
" Nail Rod	3.60 to 4.80	
" Hoop, no stock		840 6,680
" Pig, nominal	1.25 to 1.30	
" Wire	9.00 to 10.00	

Dummler & Co's. Java Metal Review.

BATAVIA, Jan. 8, 1873.—Metals.—Swedish Iron is in fair demand. English remains about the same as last quoted, and few transactions are reported. Copper and Steel are quiet. Iron Nails.—Dealers are still supplied, and as yet no sales have transpired.

J. W. Muller & Co's. Chinese Metal Telegram.

(Communicated to The Iron Age.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17, 1873.—English Nail Iron—3-40 tals, against 3-35 Jan. 31st. L. B. Lead—5-10 tals against 4-85. Spanish Quicksilver—78 against 77. Raw Japan Copper, 16-75. Exchange—5, 10½ against 5, 11½.

Antwerp Metal Market.

(Translated for The Iron Age from the "Revue Commerciale et Maritime.")

ANTWERP, Feb. 21, 1873.—Metals.—The market is devoid of dealings from lack of supplies, the arrivals having been limited to 5818 tons Pig Iron from England, and 133 ingots Copper from the same quarter.

The Price of Coal at Pittsburgh.—A meeting was held on Saturday morning by the coal operators doing business along the different railroads and rivers, at the office of Thomas Fawcett & Son, on Water street. There was a full representation present. Mr. Simpson Horner was called to the chair, and W. A. McIntosh elected secretary. The secretary read the scale of prices adopted February 21st, 1873, by the Tuscarawas Valley Coal and Mining Association, as follows:

Resolved, That the price of mining coal of standard thickness (four feet), should be ninety cents per ton from February 1st to October 1st, and one dollar per ton from October 1st to February 1st. When miners are paid one dollar per ton for mining coal, to receive five cents extra for every three inches the vein is less than four feet.

The resolution was debated at length by the members present, after which the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the maximum price paid for mining has been (4) four cents per bushel for many years prior to last fall, at which time a number of operators were compelled to accede to a demand of an advance to (5) five cents per bushel, owing to the temporary necessity of manufacturers and private consumers, and whereas the demand for coal, both for home and foreign trade, has since materially decreased, and whereas the profits of the business are so small as not to remunerate us for conducting the same when paying over four (4) cents per bushel; therefore

Resolved, That our business be conducted with a view to fixing the standard price for mining at four cents per bushel at all mines on the railroads, thus making the price uniform with the price of mining at the river mines, commencing not later than April 1st, 1873, and that the officers of the Railroad Coal Producers' Exchange be requested to call a meeting on Tuesday next, to take definite action, and fix the time at which the reduction shall take place.

The meeting then adjourned.

On the 14th of February the leading iron masters of South Staffordshire issued circulars to the trade in which they say: "We have this day advanced our prices of iron 20 per ton from our circular of January 31st." This step has been taken in consequence of communications having been this morning received from Earl Dudley and Messrs. Barrows, who now lead the changes, announcing that orders can now be executed subject only to special arrangement as to prices, or at the prices current at the time of the delivery of the iron.

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They are now turning out nearly forty tons per day of bar iron, and are working night and day shifts. Nine furnaces are running, with four on bolts, railroad-spikes, etc. About seventy boxes of railroad spikes, thirty boxes of rivets, and fifty boxes of fish-joint bolts per day are turned out, the latter finished with thread and nut. In the machine-bolt line they can turn out about four thousand bolts per day, with nut and dressed head.

About thirty-five tons of coal per day are used at the works, all of which comes from Australia in vessels, and is unloaded at the dock in front of the mills. There are five steam-hammers and five engines in the mills, and eleven boilers; one new boiler is now being made. Steam is made in most of them from the fires in the furnaces, at no additional cost. About two hundred and fifty men are at work at present in all the departments, including the bolt, forge, blacksmith, carpenter shop, etc.

A Practical View of the Chinese Labor Question.

The Economy Society, of Pittsburgh and vicinity, which seems to be an industrial or trade union, has been inquiring into the employment of Chinese at the Beaver Falls Cutlery Works. From the report made by the Society Committee, it appears that about 120 white persons and 190 Chinese are employed in the works. The men are all paid monthly, and are free to leave whenever they choose. The report goes on to say:

We have been unable to find that the directors have, in their action, or in their management of the business, violated any law or any rights of any party, but if such should be the case the courts are open to decide it. When the present board of directors took upon themselves the management of the company's business, which was only done as a last desperate effort to save it from utter ruin, they found it in a deplorable condition, heavy losses having been sustained and its capital greatly impaired. The previous efforts to save said cutlery may be well likened to the efforts of a crew on board a sinking ship freighted with a valuable cargo. They applied to their next kinsman, who, indeed, seemed willing to aid, on condition, however, that each should receive a certain portion; but upon reckoning being made it was found the proffered aid would cost not only the whole cargo, but require the ship and quite an addition beside. In this dilemma but one of the two things remained to be done—stop the works at once and entirely, which would have discharged every employe and entailed great injury, if not ruin, upon the interests of the place, or do as was done by the managers, call upon these men to do a part of the labor and strive to continue operations.

The committee think that the employment of Chinese labor is not unlawful, and that no rights have been violated by the cutlery company. The Pittsburgh Dispatch says that the report of the Economy Society has had a disturbing influence, and adds:

Some of the gentlemen who control the adherents of the not-to-be-peaceful view are men of a good deal of ability and influence, and it is understood that they have already decided upon attempting another plan. A bill will be presented to the Legislature asking that a heavy State tax be imposed on corporations using Chinese laborers. If this is ineffectual, which it is most likely it will be, other schemes will be tried, but violence will be decreed at all times. The principal persons who still hold against the Society are the other property owners and real estate dealers not connected with the manufacturing interests, and the farmers living within eight or ten miles of the place. The workmen in the manufacturing other than the cutlery works, who number about 300, have never taken the initiative, but have thus far been led by these. They will still be counseled and not act rashly.

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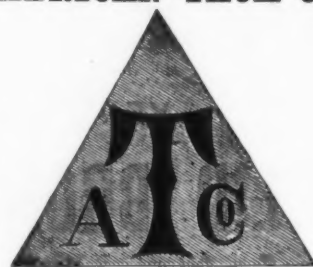
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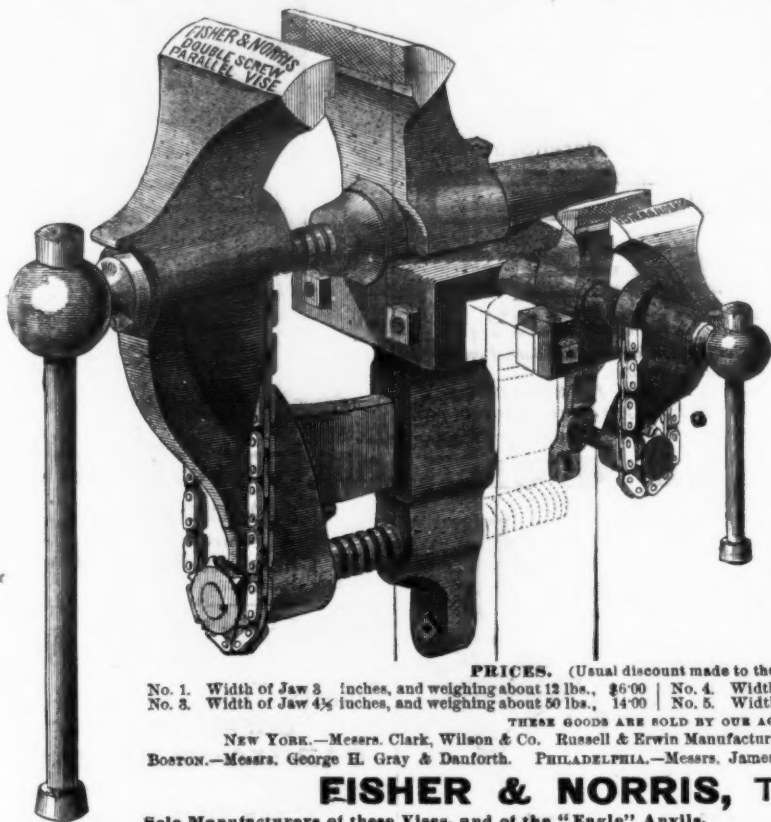
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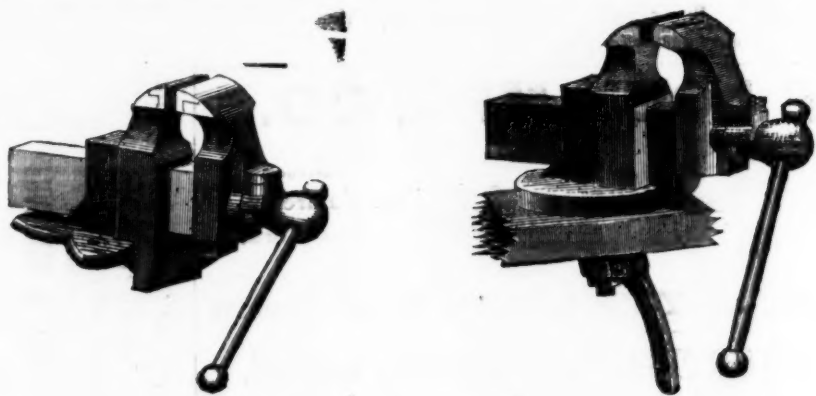
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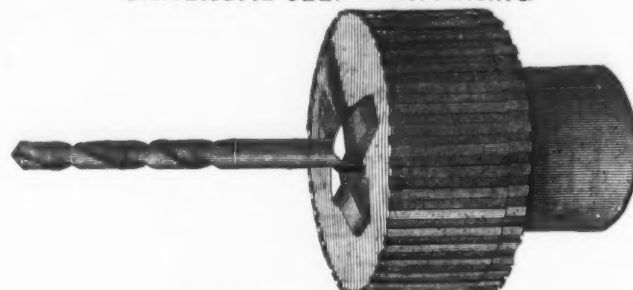
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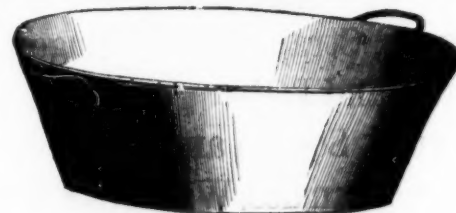
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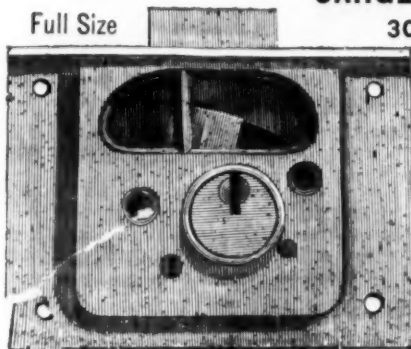
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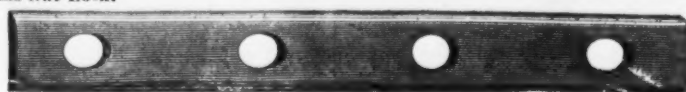
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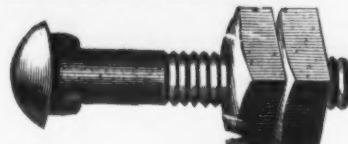
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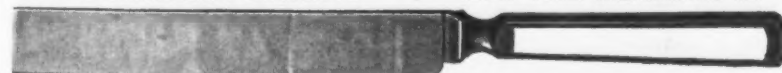
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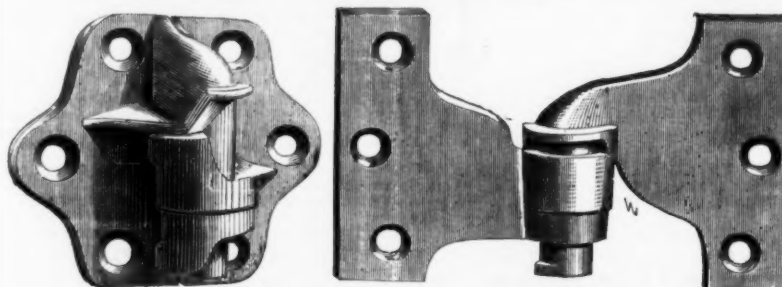
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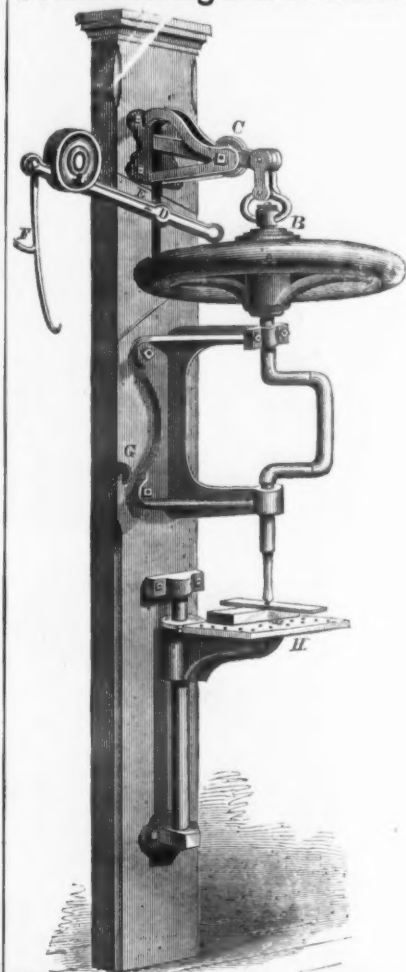
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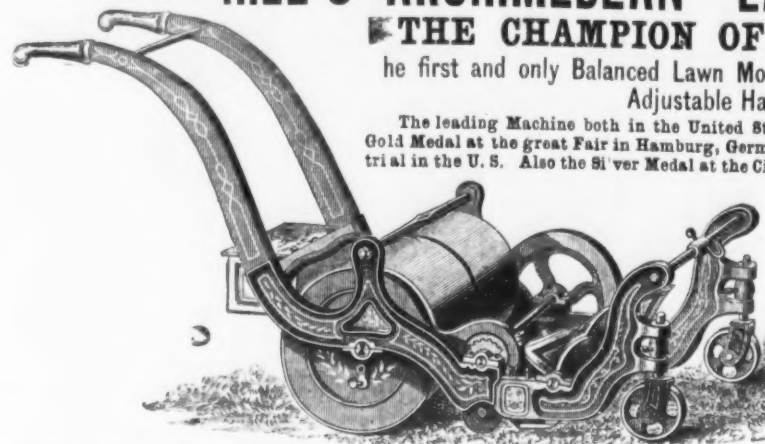
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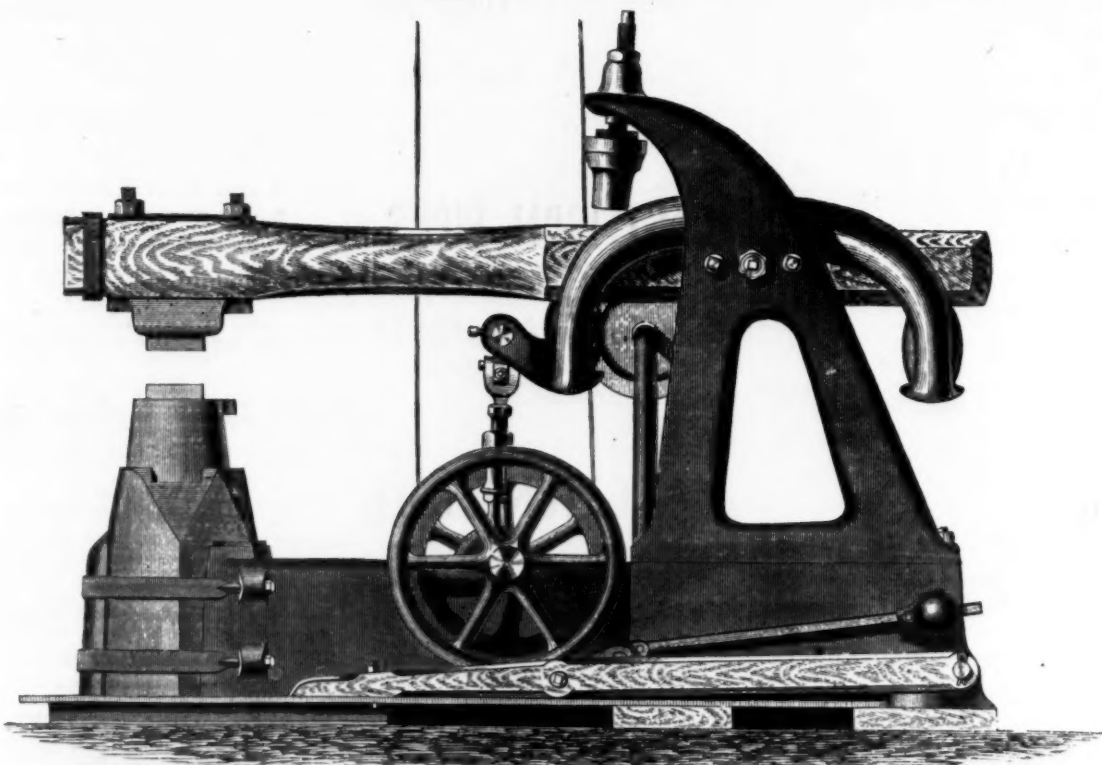
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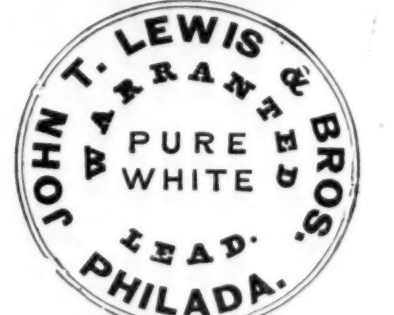
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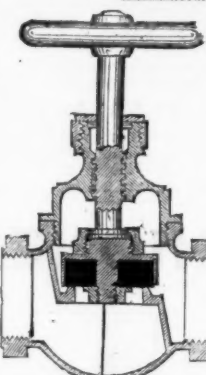
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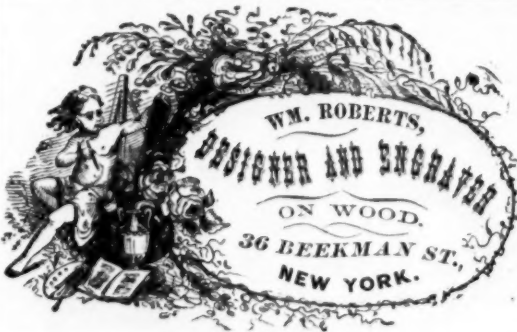
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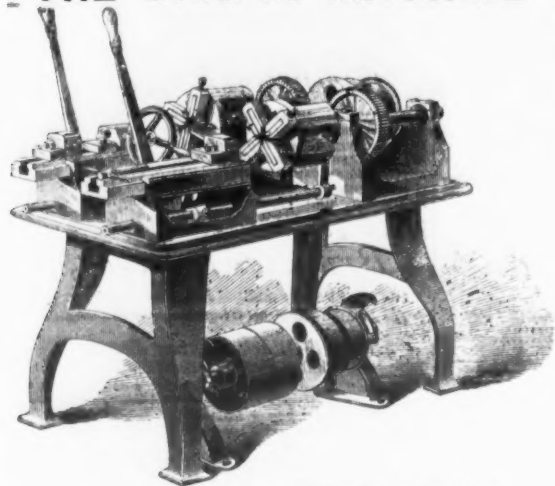
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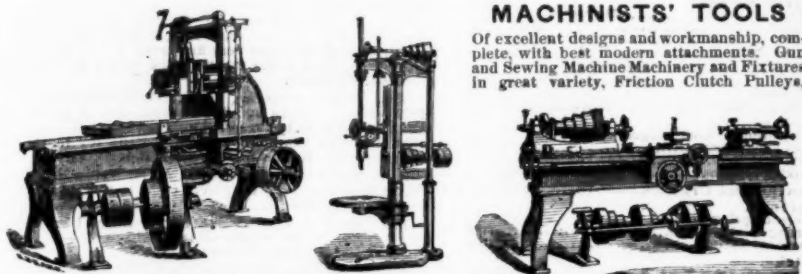
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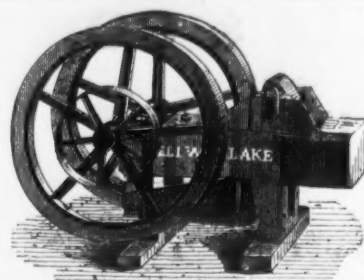
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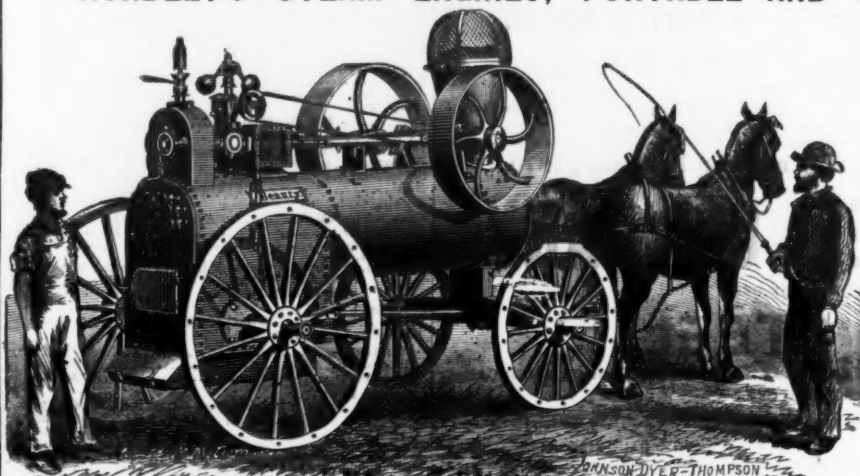
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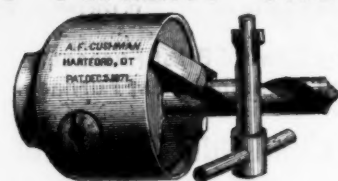
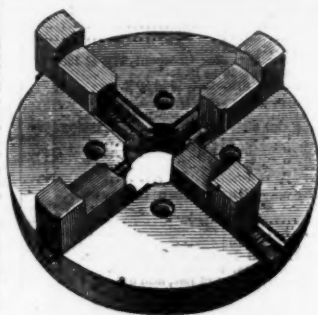
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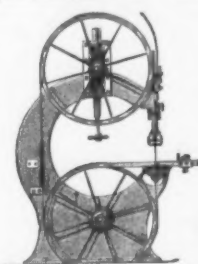
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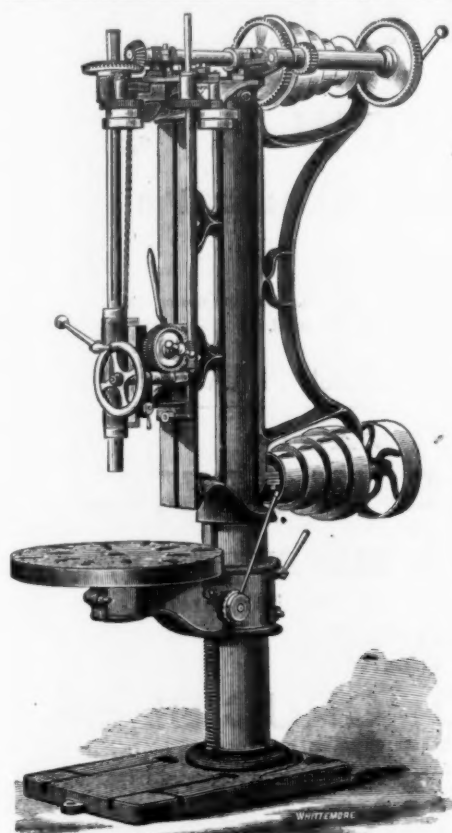
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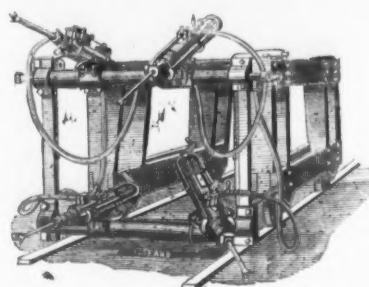
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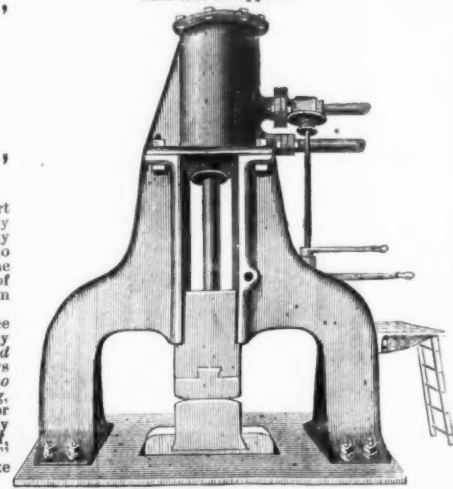
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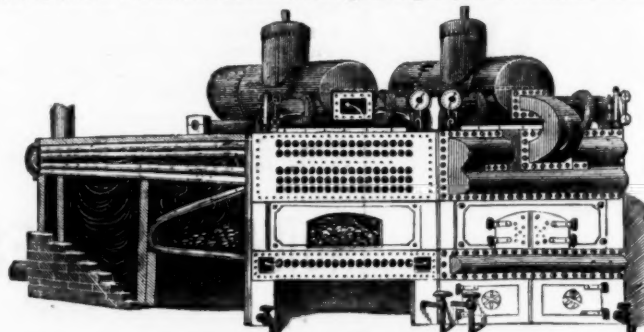
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